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455 pages with stories
from Beano 2164-2632
year 1984-1992

The strip was drawn by Malcolm Judge until his death in 1989. John Dallas took over from him afterwards, and drew it until his retirement in April 2003. Since then, the artist has been Dave Eastbury. Nigel Parkinson and Tom Paterson both occasionally draw the strip as well.

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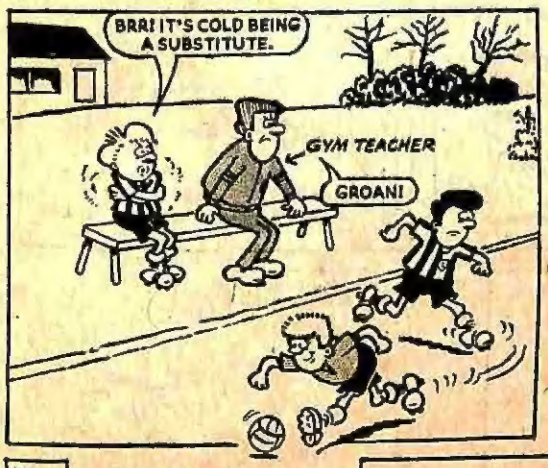
Ball Boy is a strip in UK comic The Beano and also the name of the main character.
It first appeared in issue 1,735, dated 18 October 1975.
It features a five-a-side football team who usually lose all their matches, often heavily, that includes:

* Ball Boy – the captain of the team, Ball Boy bears resemblances to The Dandy's Owen Goal. He plays striker for the team. He has a minor part in The Beano Interactive DVD, playing football with a globe in a geography lesson.
* Titch – A small boy who (surprising considering his height) usually plays in defence. Little is known of Titch, although he was given his own short strip in The Beano Annual 2002.
* Dimmy – A defender, who is quite dim, hence his name. He looks a lot like Plug from the Bash Street Kids.
* Benjy – A good player on the team, Benjy seems to be vice-captain and is Ball Boy's best friend.
* Goalie – the goalkeeper. This character is an enigma in the sense that in some strips he is a superb goalkeeper and in others he is comically awful, letting in everything. There are a few strips where he just sits in the corner of the goal, reading, because the rest of the team can't get a shot on target.
* Chandra Singh – joined the team at the end of 2008 and is the team's most skilful player.

Ball Boy's team kit was originally a red and black vertical striped shirt and black shorts, but it later changed to blue and black stripes. One annual used white and black vertical stripes, but that was before the strip became full colour. Sometimes they get guest players joining the team for a strip, like Bea, or Gnasher.
The team sometimes also have other players featured, including a recurring black player called Elvis.
Paul Gascoigne made a guest appearance in the strip in 1993 in the issue celebrating Roger the Dodger's 40th anniversary when Roger, who was appearing in every strip in that week's comic, arranged for Gascoigne to sign up for the team.
Ball Boy and his team have both been at two World Cups. Italy in 1990 featured in that year's Beano Book and a long running strip in the comic appeared during the 1998 finals featuring the team in France.

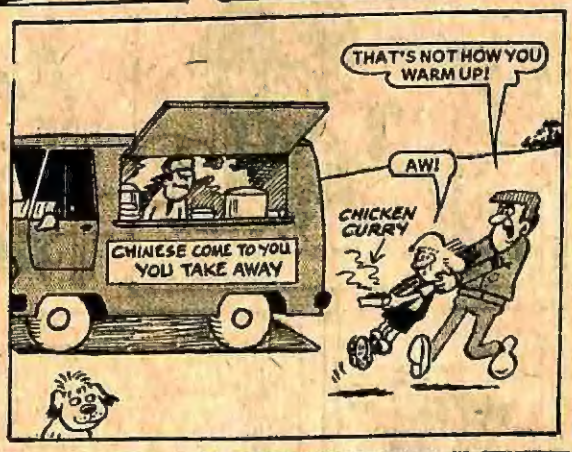
BALL BOY

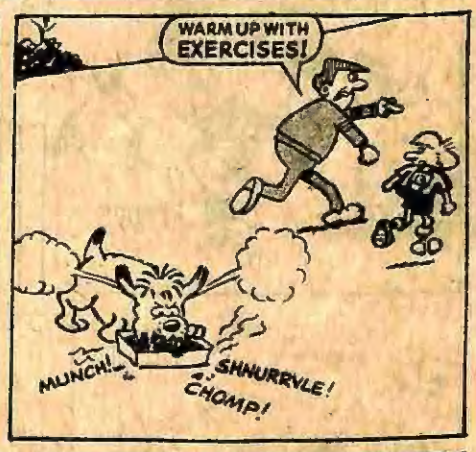

BRR! IT'S COLD BEING A SUBSTITUTE.
GYM TEACHER
GROAN!

WARM UP, B.B.—YOU'RE GOING ON.

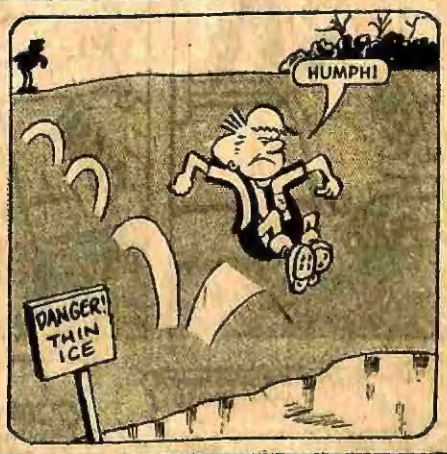
GOOD LAD!

But—
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

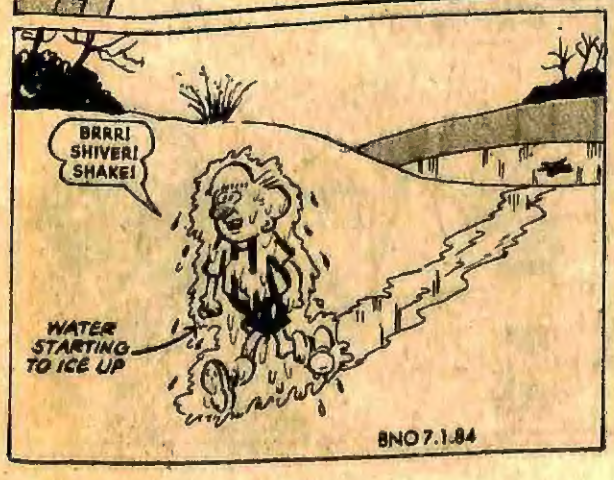

THAT'S NOT HOW YOU WARM UP!
AW!
CHICKEN CURRY
CHINESE COME TO YOU YOU TAKE AWAY


WARM UP WITH EXERCISES!
MUNCH!
SHNURRVLE!
CHOMP!

JUMPING—BEGIN!
PESKY WARMING-UP EXERCISES! I FEEL LIKE A KANGAROO!


HUMPH!
DANGER! THIN ICE

WAH! GLUB!
CRACK!


BRRR! SHIVER! SHAKE!
WATER STARTING TO ICE UP
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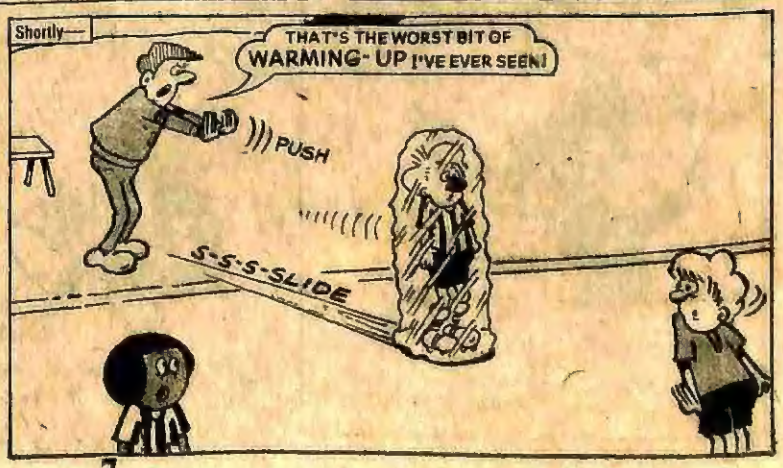
Shortly—
THAT'S THE WORST BIT OF WARMING-UP I'VE EVER SEEN!
PUSH
S-S-S-SLIDE

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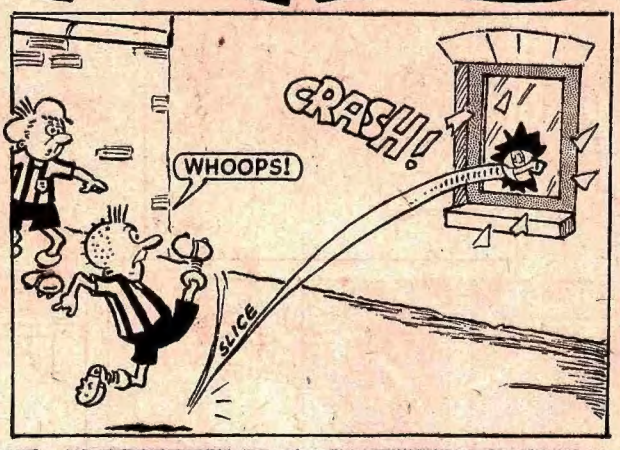
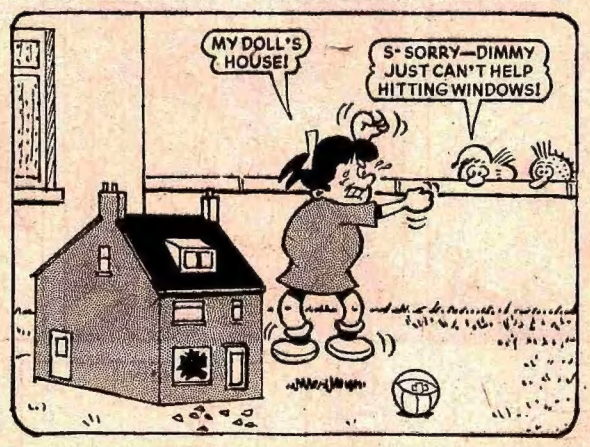
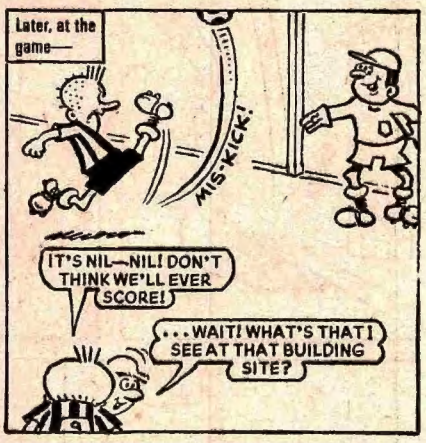
WE'LL WARM UP ON OUR WAY TO TODAY'S AWAY MATCH, DIMMY.
OLD BALL

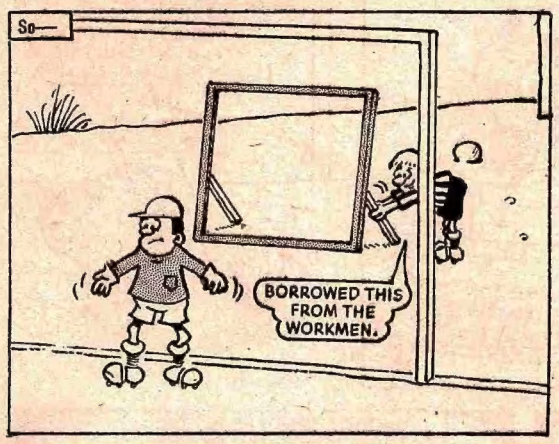

WHOOPS!
CRASH!
SLICE

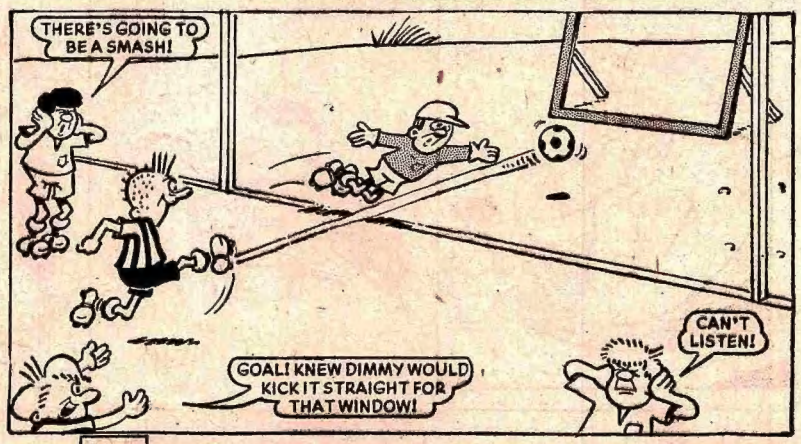
TRUST YOU, DIMMY!

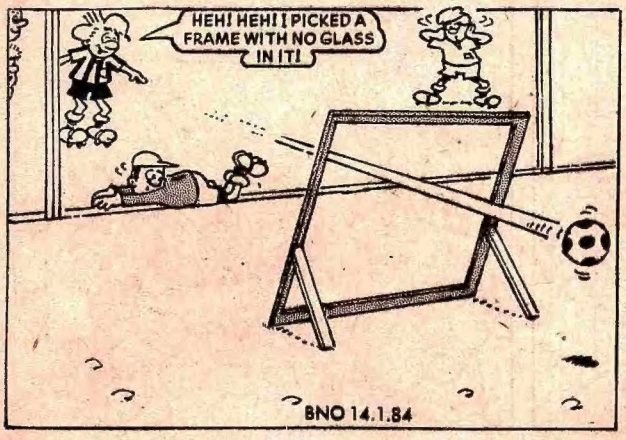
Later—
TINKLE!
OO-ER!
ANOTHER WINDOW GONE!


MY DOLL'S HOUSE!
S-SORRY—DIMMY JUST CAN'T HELP HITTING WINDOWS!


Later, at the game—
MIS-KICK!
IT'S NIL—NIL! DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER SCORE!
...WAIT! WHAT'S THAT I SEE AT THAT BUILDING SITE?


So—
BORROWED THIS FROM THE WORKMEN.


THERE'S GOING TO BE A SMASH!
GOAL! KNEW DIMMY WOULD KICK IT STRAIGHT FOR THAT WINDOW!
CAN'T LISTEN!


HEH! HEH! I PICKED A FRAME WITH NO GLASS IN IT!
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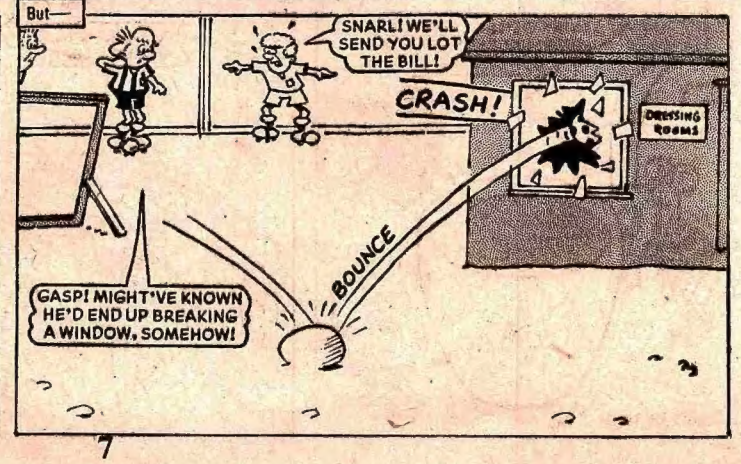
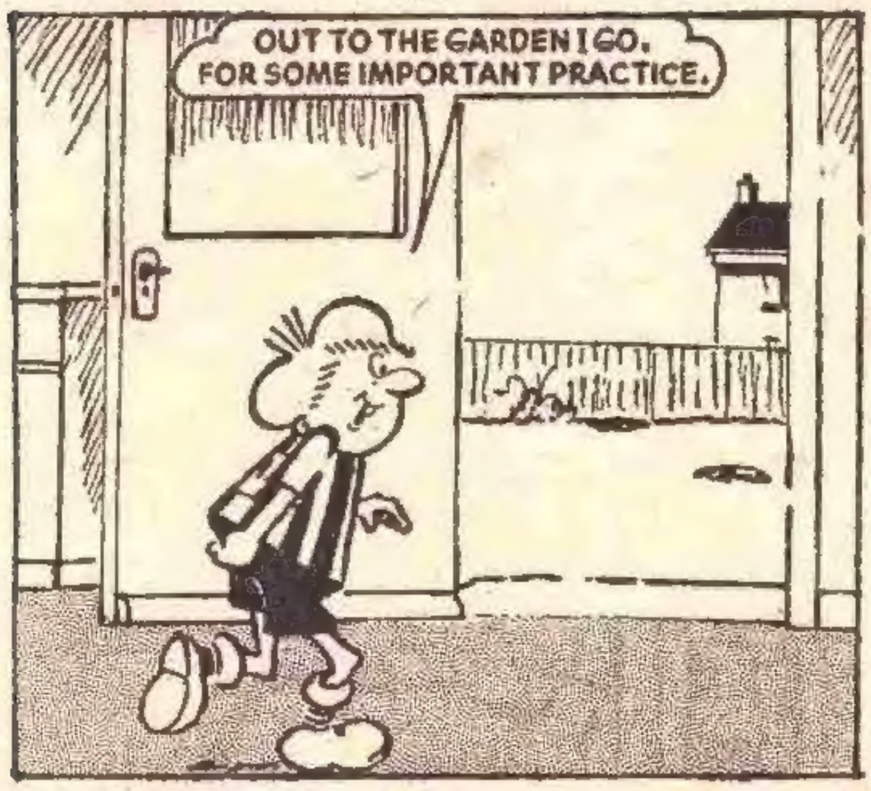

But—
SNARL! WE'LL SEND YOU LOT THE BILL!
CRASH!
DRESSING ROOMS
BOUNCE
GASP! MIGHT'VE KNOWN HE'D END UP BREAKING A WINDOW, SOMEHOW!

BALL BOY


OUT TO THE GARDEN I GO. FOR SOME IMPORTANT PRACTICE.

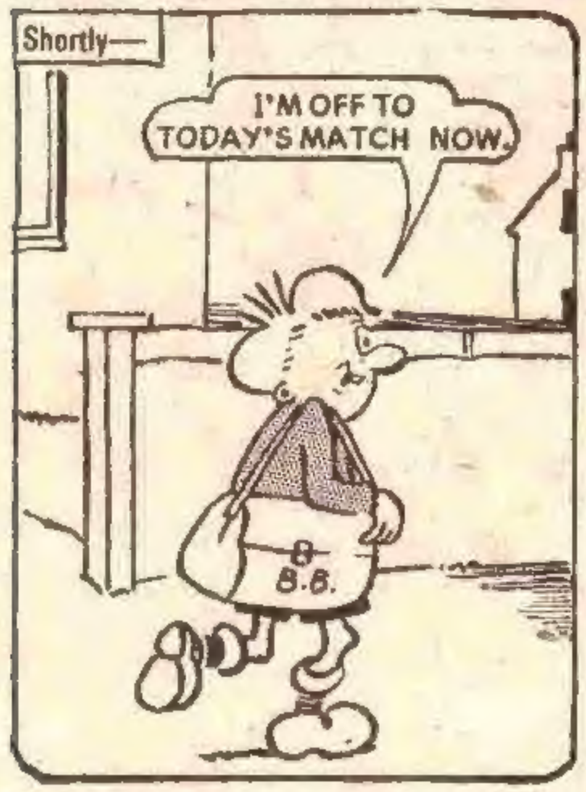
COO! B.B.'S COPYING ME!
RUB
GLORIOUS MUD
SMUDGE

DON'T SAY IT, MUM— I'M GOING TO GET WASHED AT ONCE!

OOPS!
SLIP!

WAAH! IT'S SLIPPED AGAIN!
SPLOP!

CAUGHT IT AT LAST!
EEK! JUST AS WELL!
GRAB


Shortly—
I'M OFF TO TODAY'S MATCH NOW.
B.B.

The game starts—
NOW YOU'LL SEE WHY I WAS TRAINING WITH THAT BAR OF SOAP!

OOPS! THIS BALL'S AS SLIPPERY AS SOAP!
SLIP
9

GOT IT! ALL THAT PRACTICE WITH THE SOAP PAID OFF. I'M GREAT AT CLUTCHING SLIPPY FOOTBALLS NOW!
FIRM GRIP
9
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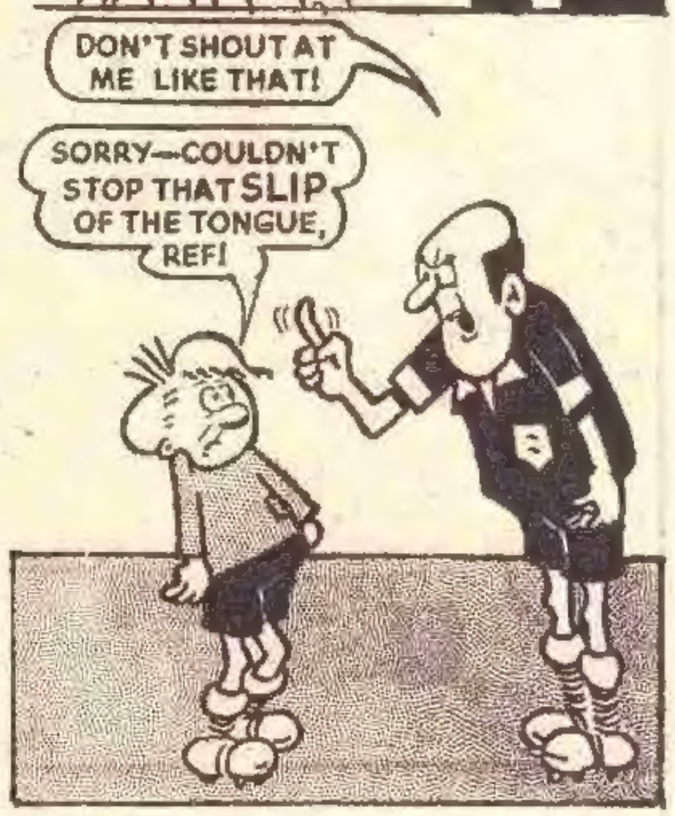
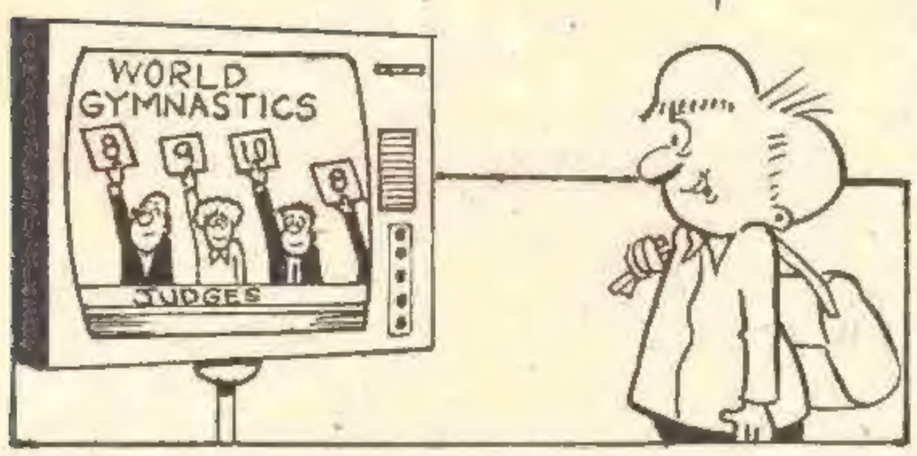
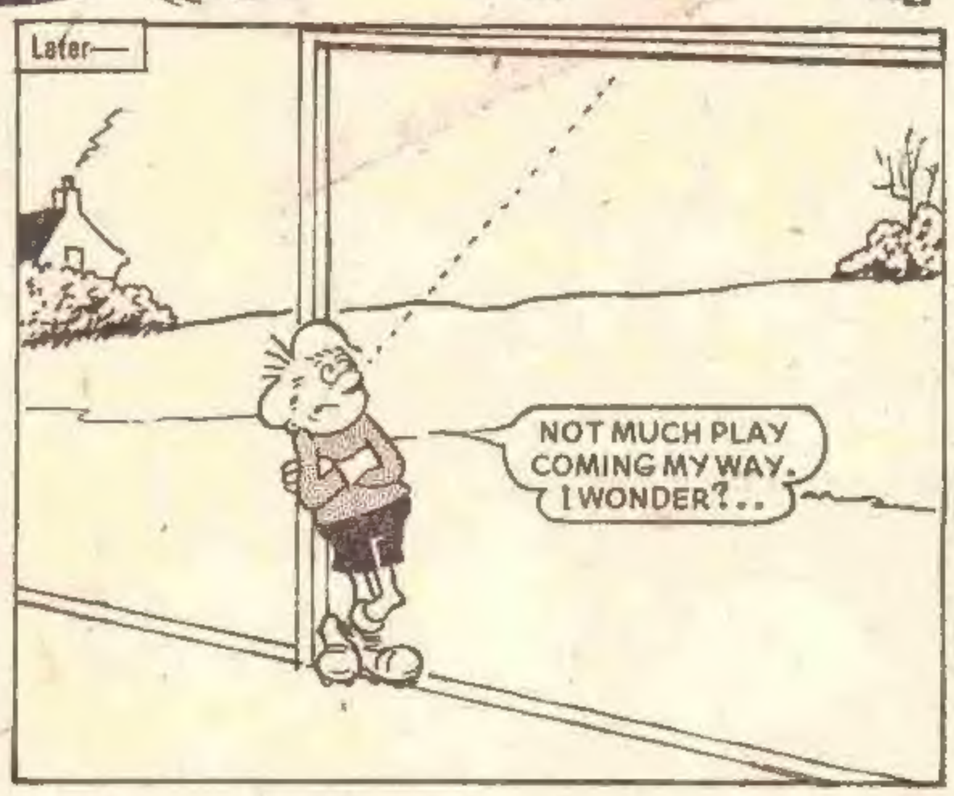
AW, REF! GET OUT OF THE WAY! ULP!
HEAD
BOUNCE
BOOT!
GOAL!

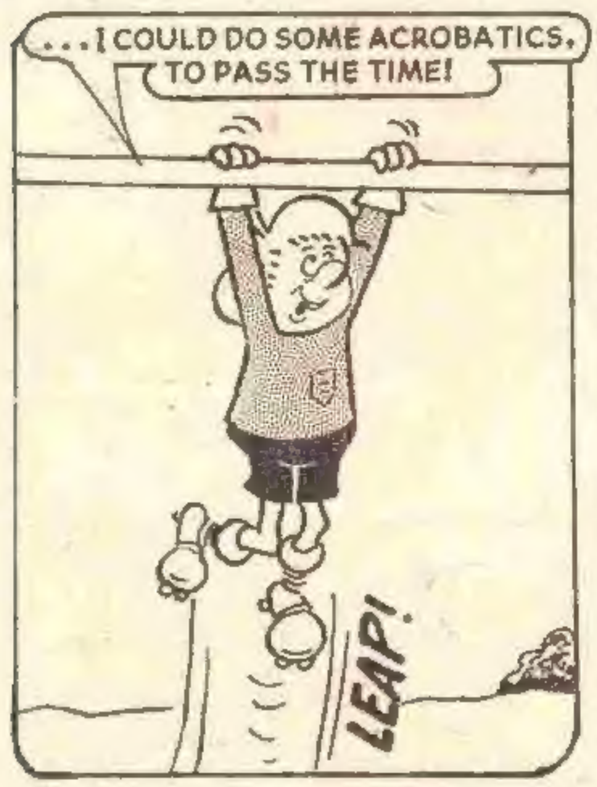

DON'T SHOUT AT ME LIKE THAT!
SORRY—COULDN'T STOP THAT SLIP OF THE TONGUE, REF!

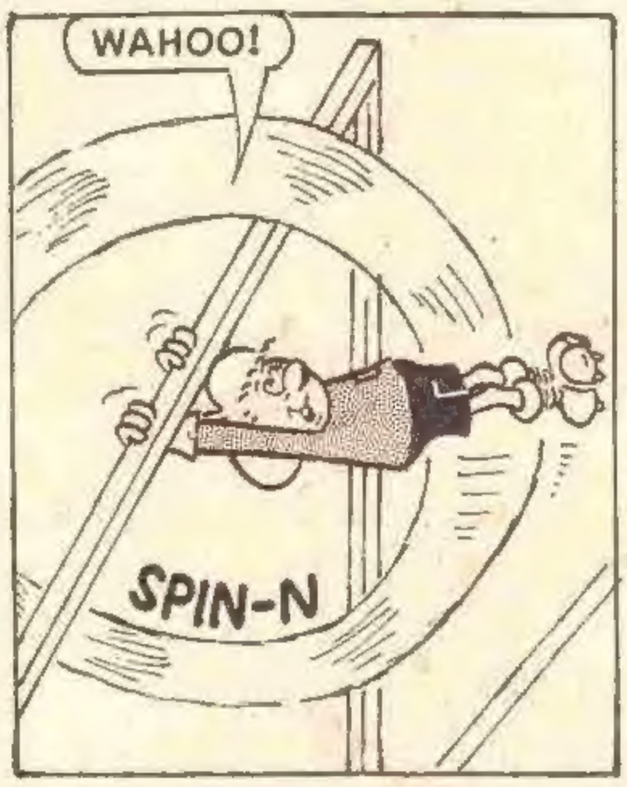
BALL BOY

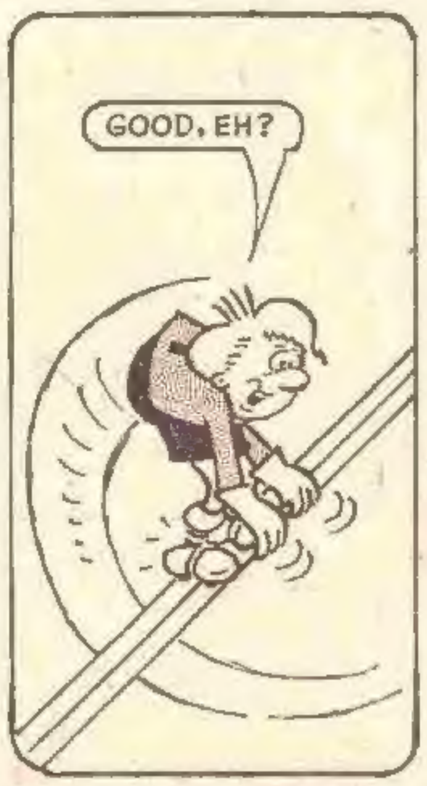

HMM! THAT GYMNAST GOT GOOD MARKS FOR HIS ACROBATIC DISPLAY. AH, WELL, OFF TO THE MATCH . . .
WORLD GYMNASTICS
JUDGES

Soon—
I'M IN GOAL TODAY. HOPE I'M KEPT BUSY.


Later—
NOT MUCH PLAY COMING MY WAY. I WONDER? . .


. . . I COULD DO SOME ACROBATICS, TO PASS THE TIME!
LEAP!


WAHOO!
SPIN-N

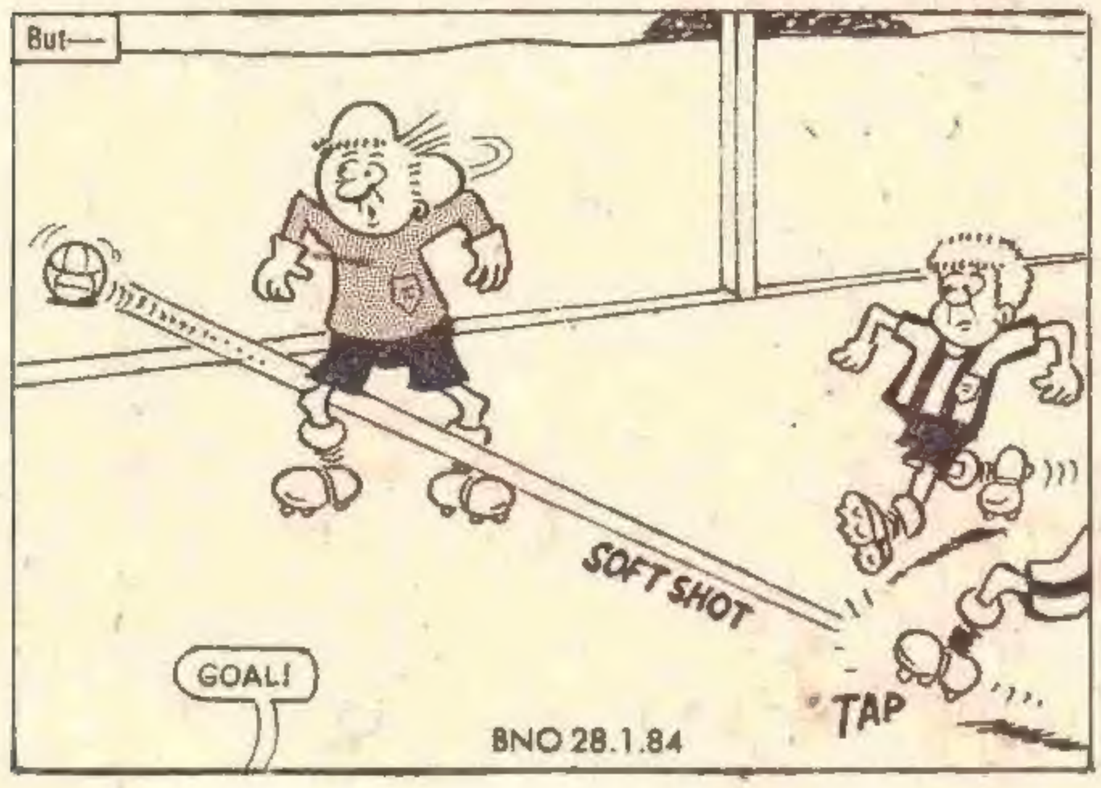

GOOD, EH?

DIFFICULT ONE, THIS!
SOMERSAULT

A PERFECT LANDING!

NOW FOR A GOOD FINISH.

HOW'S THAT, FANS?


But—
SOFT SHOT
TAP
GOAL!
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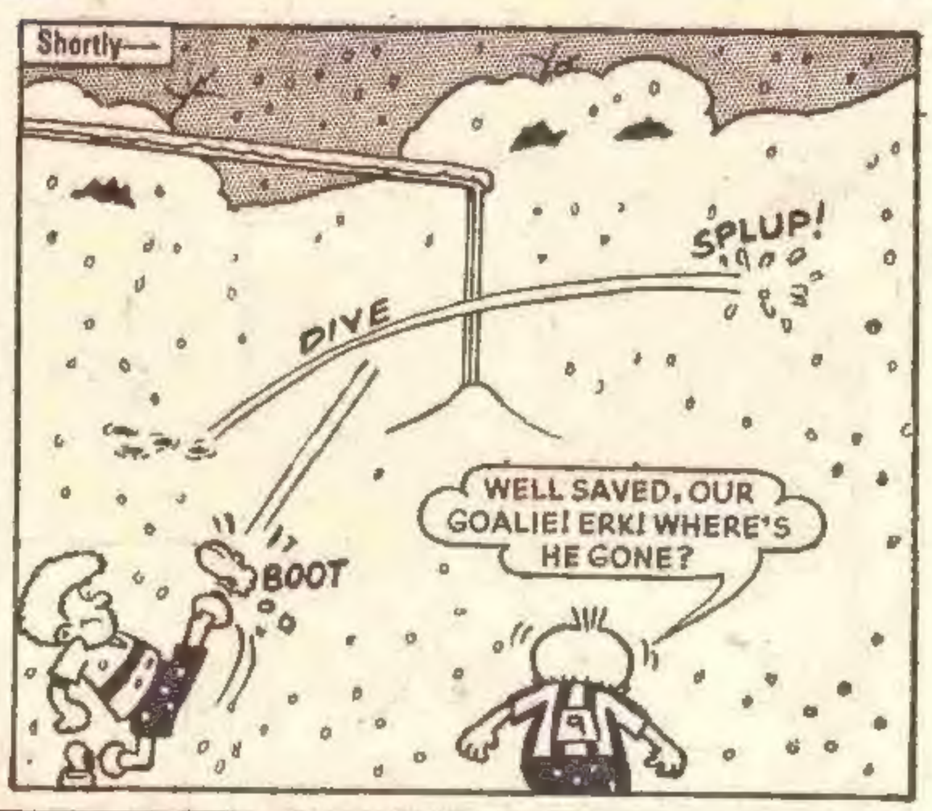
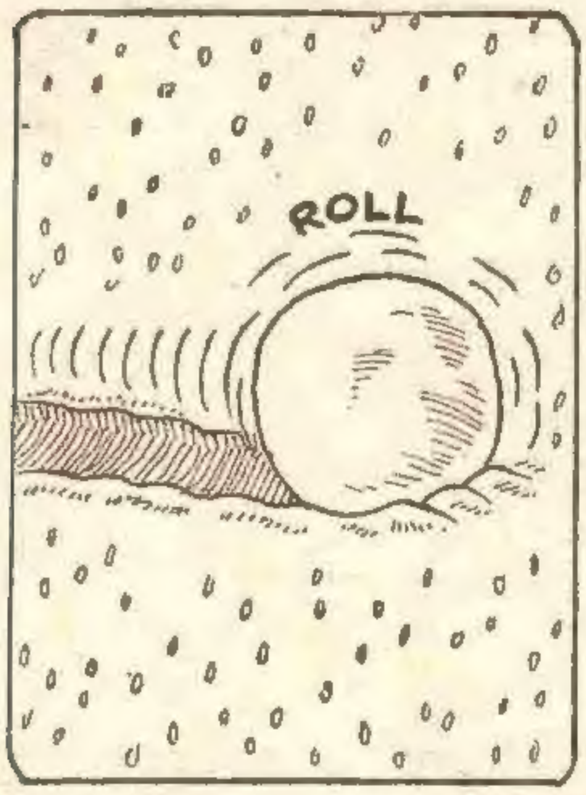
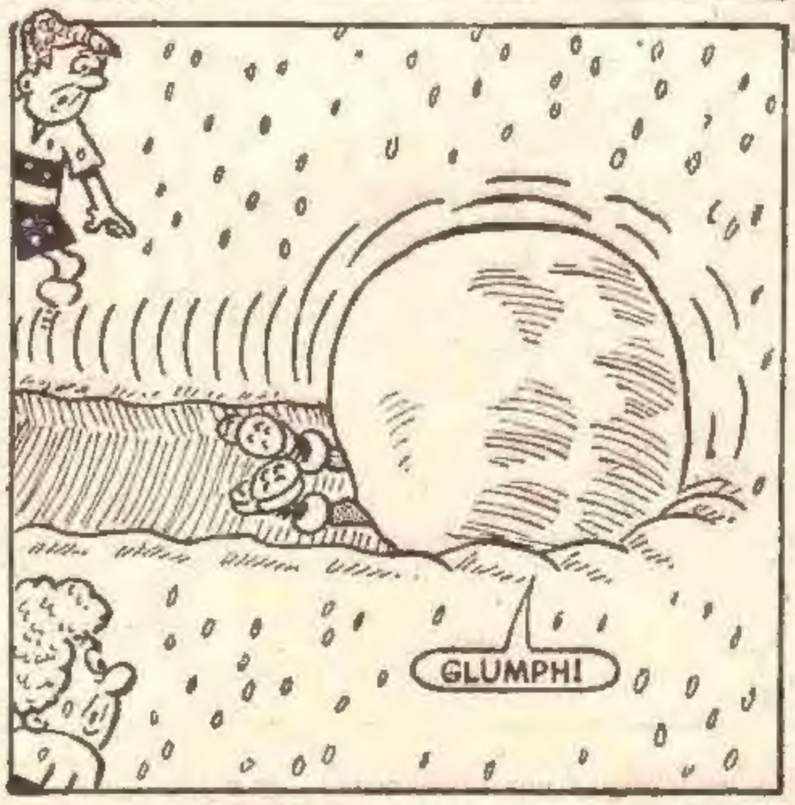
HERE'S WHAT WE THINK OF YOUR ACROBATICS!
I'D BETTER STICK TO GOALKEEPING FROM NOW ON!

BALL BOY

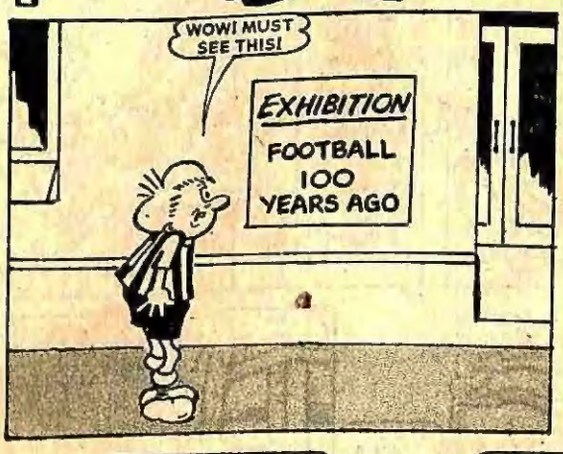






AAARGH! BRR!

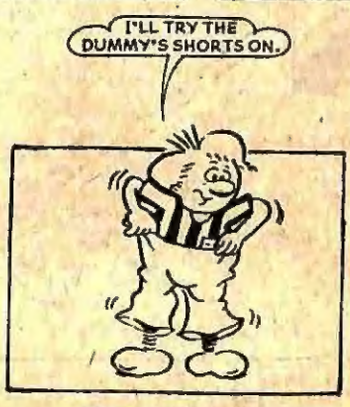
BALL BOY


WOW! MUST SEE THIS!
EXHIBITION
FOOTBALL 100 YEARS AGO

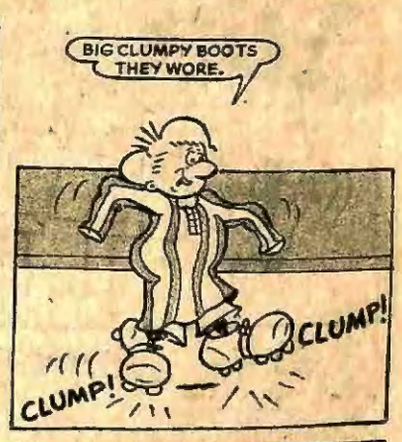
So—
AMAZING!
100-YEAR-OLD DRESSING-ROOM PEG
OLD WHISTLE PEA
1884 PENALTY SPOT

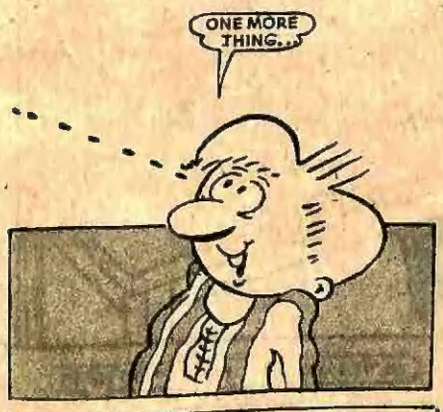
1884 FOOTBALLER
COO! FOOTBALL FASHIONS HAVEN'T HALF CHANGED.

WONDER WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO PLAY IN THOSE DAYS?


I'LL TRY THE DUMMY'S SHORTS ON.

THE SHIRT NOW.


BIG CLUMPY BOOTS THEY WORE.
CLUMP!
CLUMP!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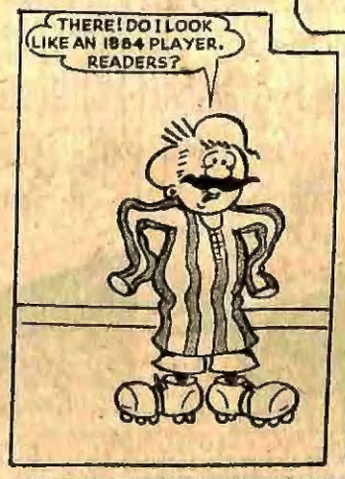
THERE! DO I LOOK LIKE AN 1884 PLAYER, READERS?

Shortly—
AND HERE WE HAVE AN-ERK!

THAT BALL'S 100 YEARS OLD, YOU!
GOOD! WOULDN'T WANT TO DAMAGE A NEW ONE!
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OOPS!
BOOT!
THUD!
OH, NO!

So—
PSST! NOT A MOVEMENT NOW!
1884 FOOTBALLER
TICHY LITTLE PLAYERS IN THOSE DAYS.
LOOKS LIKE I'VE MADE AN EXHIBITION OF MYSELF AGAIN!
STOCK STILL

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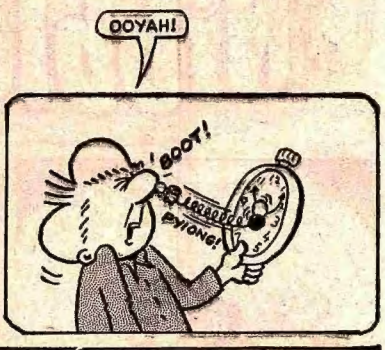

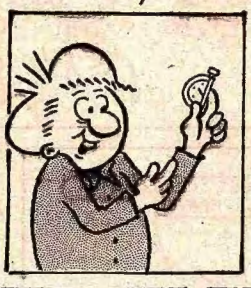

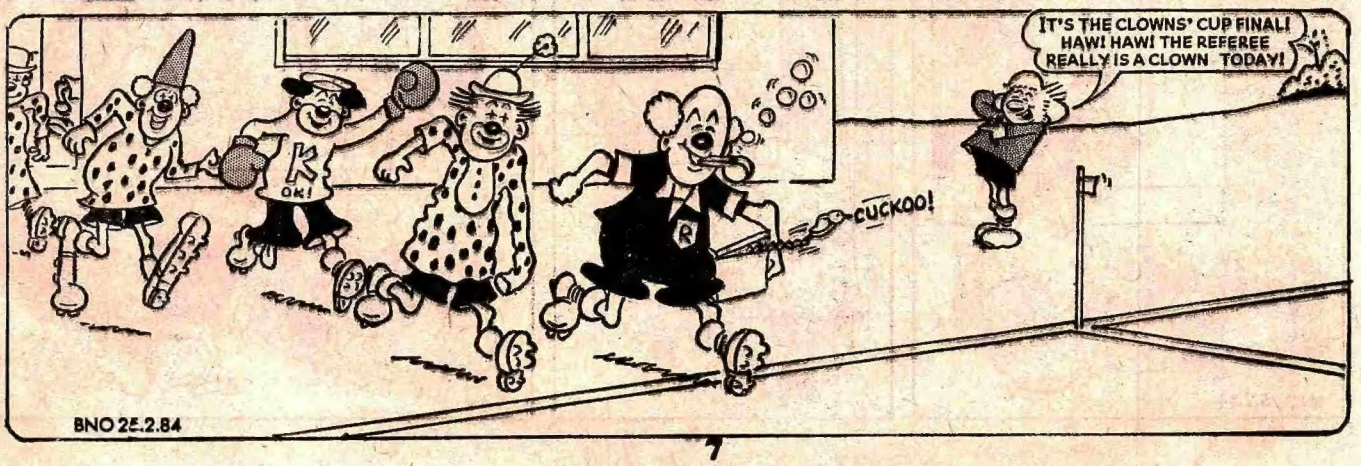

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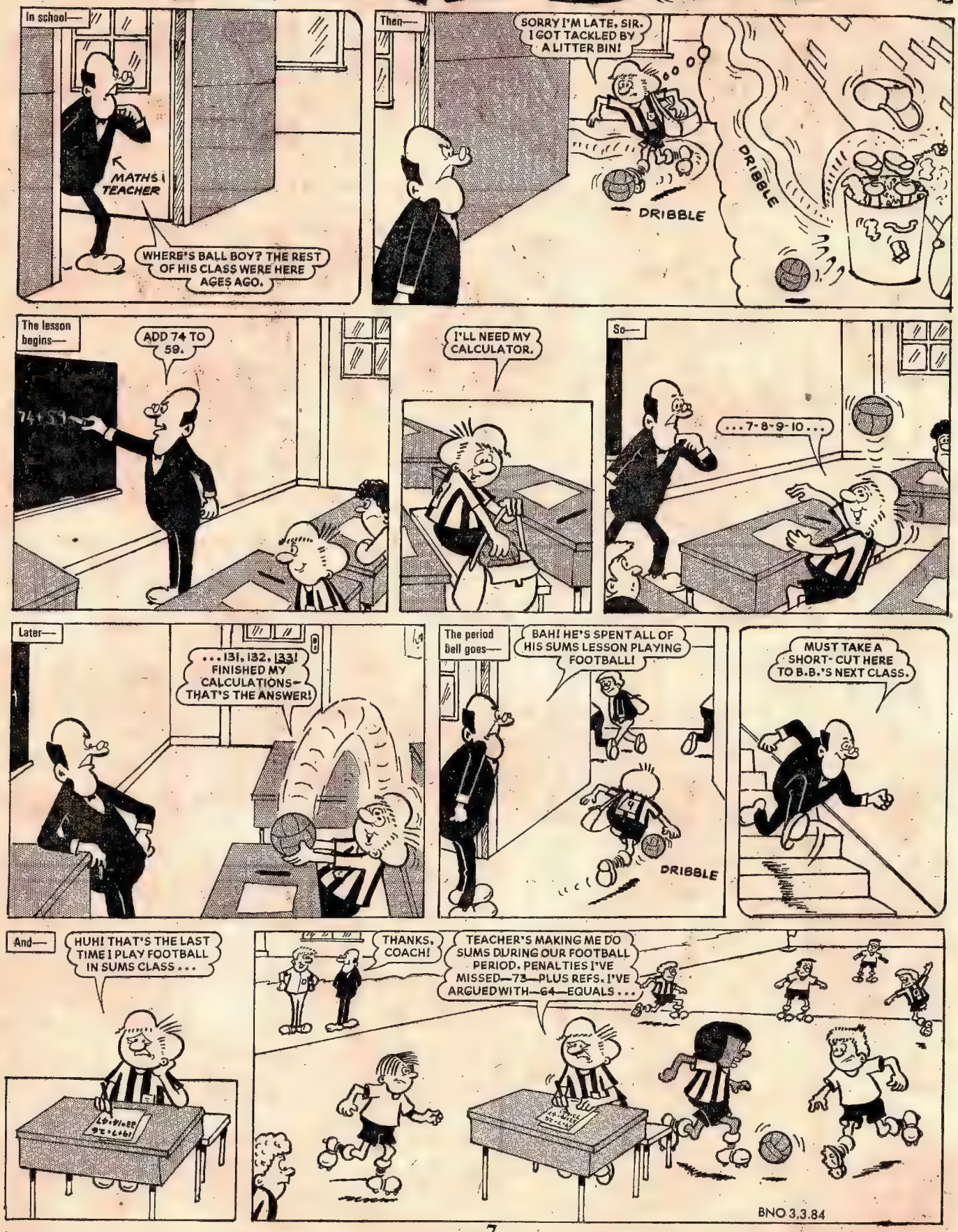
In school—
MATHS TEACHER
WHERE'S BALL BOY? THE REST OF HIS CLASS WERE HERE AGES AGO.
Then—
SORRY I'M LATE, SIR. I GOT TACKLED BY A LITTER BIN!
DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE
The lesson begins—
ADD 74 TO 59.
74+59
I'LL NEED MY CALCULATOR.
So—
...7-8-9-10...
Later—
...131, 132, 133! FINISHED MY CALCULATIONS—THAT'S THE ANSWER!
The period bell goes—
BAH! HE'S SPENT ALL OF HIS SUMS LESSON PLAYING FOOTBALL!
DRIBBLE
MUST TAKE A SHORT-CUT HERE TO B.B.'S NEXT CLASS.
And—
HUH! THAT'S THE LAST TIME I PLAY FOOTBALL IN SUMS CLASS...
THANKS, COACH!
TEACHER'S MAKING ME DO SUMS DURING OUR FOOTBALL PERIOD. PENALTIES I'VE MISSED—73—PLUS REFS. I'VE ARGUED WITH—64—EQUALS...
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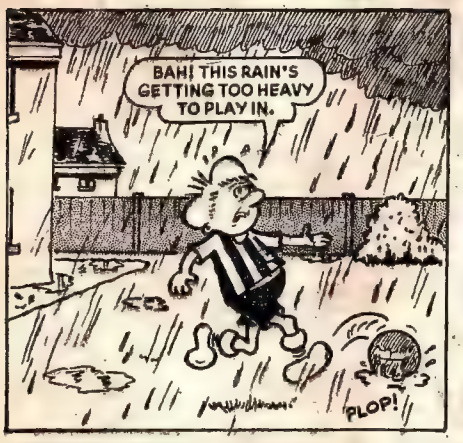
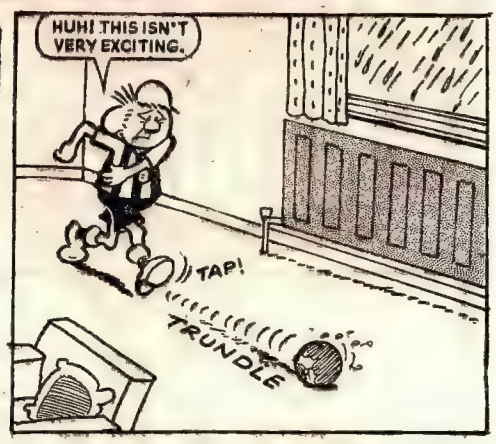
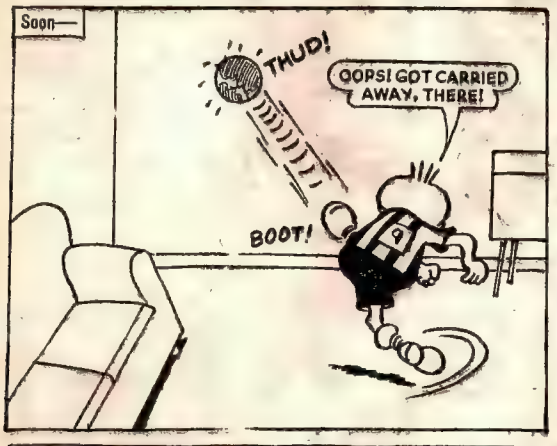
BALL BOY

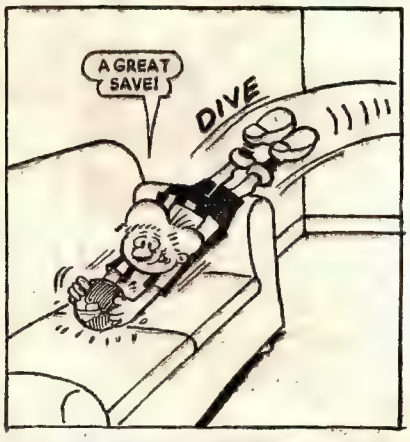

BAH! THIS RAIN'S GETTING TOO HEAVY TO PLAY IN.
PLOP!

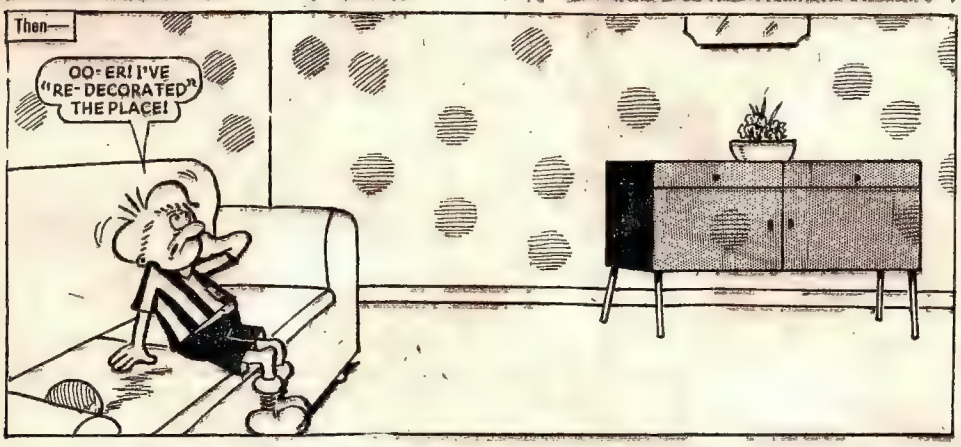
In the living room—
MUM'S NOT IN. I CAN PLAY FOOTBALL IN HERE IF I'M VERY CAREFUL.

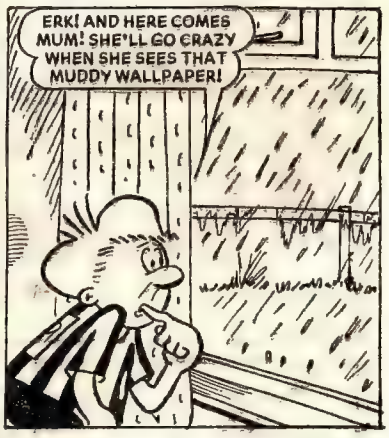

HUH! THIS ISN'T VERY EXCITING.
TAP!
TRUNDLE

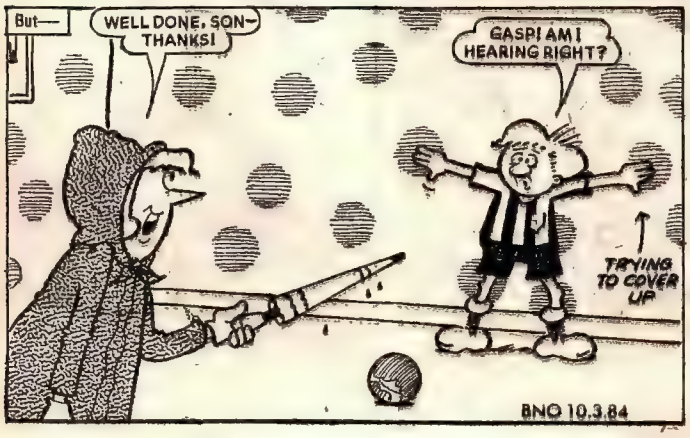

Soon—
THUD!
OOPS! GOT CARRIED AWAY, THERE!
BOOT!

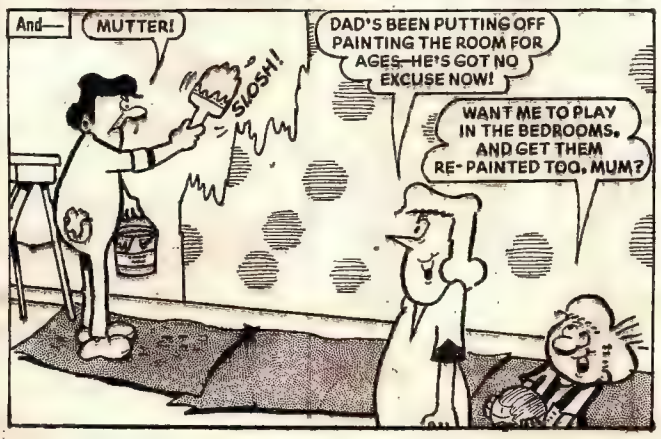
Ten " carried away " minutes later—
WHAT A HEADER!


A GREAT SAVE!
DIVE

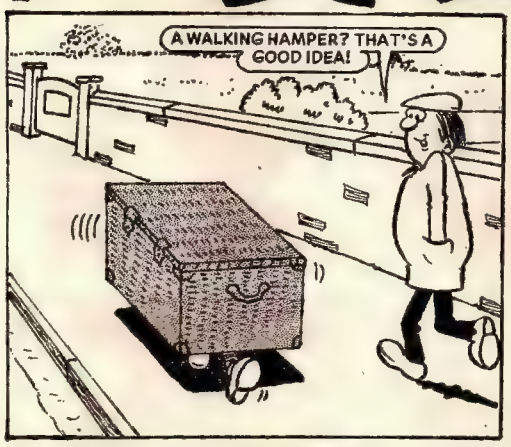

Then—
OO-ER! I'VE "RE-DECORATED" THE PLACE!

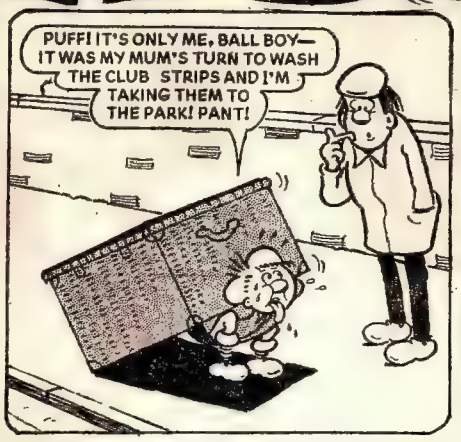

ERK! AND HERE COMES MUM! SHE'LL GO CRAZY WHEN SHE SEES THAT MUDDY WALLPAPER!

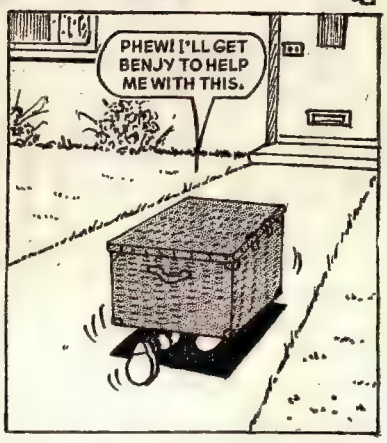

But—
WELL DONE, SON—THANKS!
GASP! AM I HEARING RIGHT?
TRYING TO COVER UP
BNO 10.3.84


And—
MUTTER!
SLOSH!
DAD'S BEEN PUTTING OFF PAINTING THE ROOM FOR AGES—HE'S GOT NO EXCUSE NOW!
WANT ME TO PLAY IN THE BEDROOMS, AND GET THEM RE-PAINTED TOO, MUM?

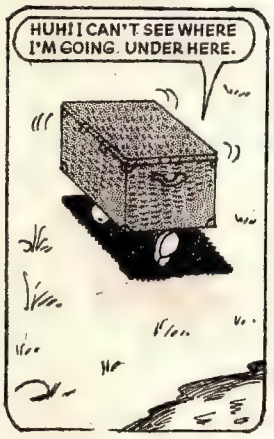
BALL BOY

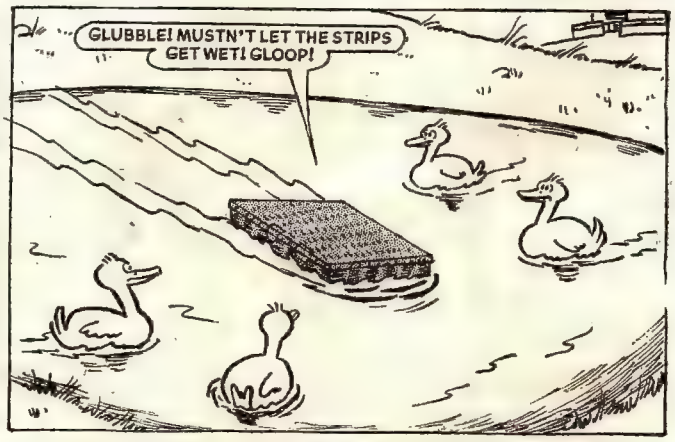

A WALKING HAMPER? THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

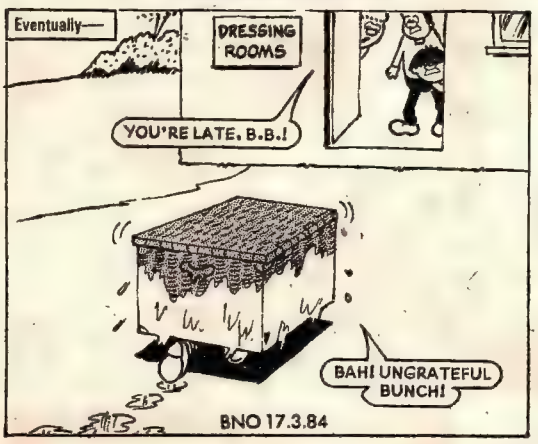

PUFF! IT'S ONLY ME, BALL BOY— IT WAS MY MUM'S TURN TO WASH THE CLUB STRIPS AND I'M TAKING THEM TO THE PARK! PANT!


PHEW! I'LL GET BENJY TO HELP ME WITH THIS.

But—
SORRY! BENJY'S NOT IN—HE WENT OUT TWENTY MINUTES AGO.
GROAN! I'LL HAVE TO CARRY THIS MYSELF NOW!


HUH! I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING. UNDER HERE.

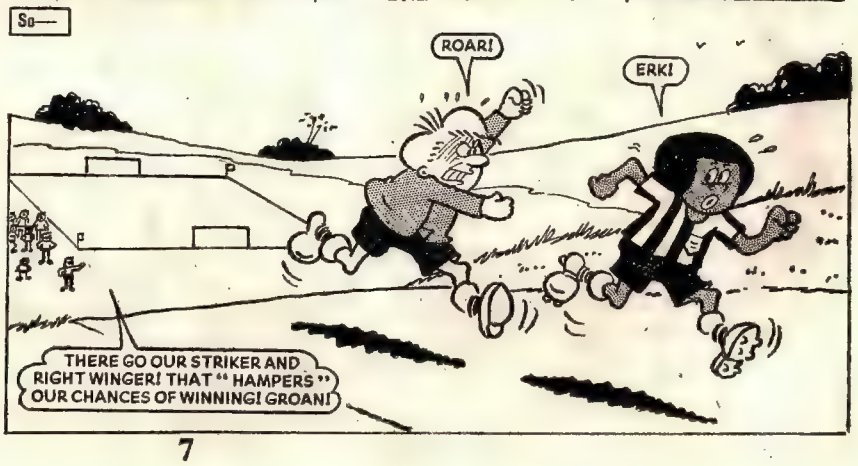

GLUBBLE! MUSTN'T LET THE STRIPS GET WET! GLOOP!


Eventually—
DRESSING ROOMS
YOU'RE LATE, B.B.!
BAH! UNGRATEFUL BUNCH!
BNO 17.3.84

Then—
MOAN! I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO HAND OUT YOUR STRIPS NOW.

Suddenly—
WAAAH!

I HID IN THE HAMPER BEFORE YOU SET OFF, B.B.! FUNNY, EH?
NOT AT ALL!

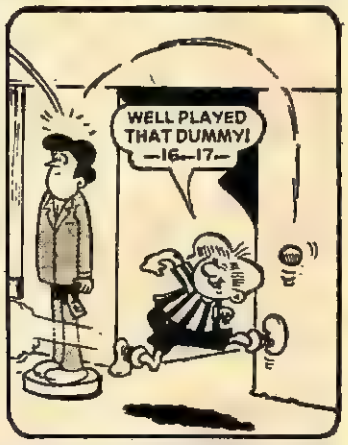

So—
ROAR!
ERK!
THERE GO OUR STRIKER AND RIGHT WINGER! THAT "HAMPERS" OUR CHANCES OF WINNING! GROAN!

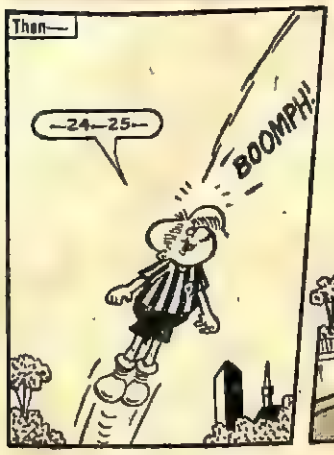
BALL BOY

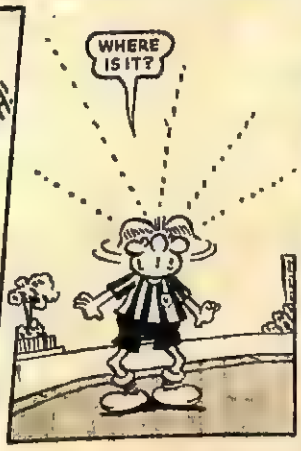
I'M GOING TO TRY AND BEAT MY KEEPIE-UP RECORD TODAY, READERS!

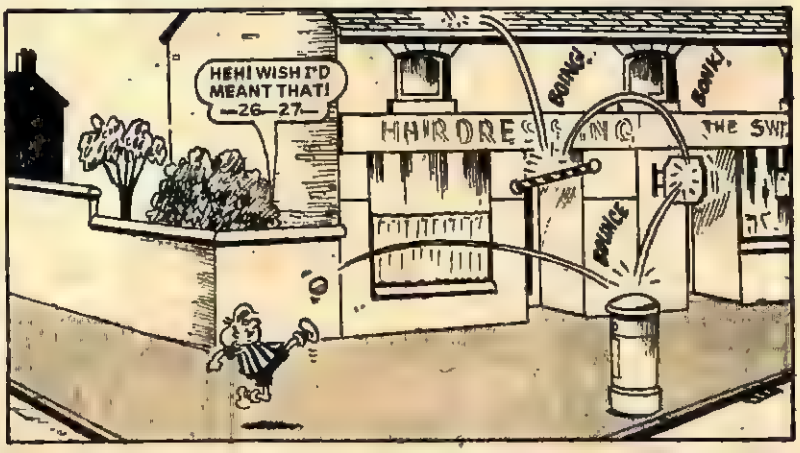
So—
—8—9—10—

—14—15—OOPS! TOO FAR!

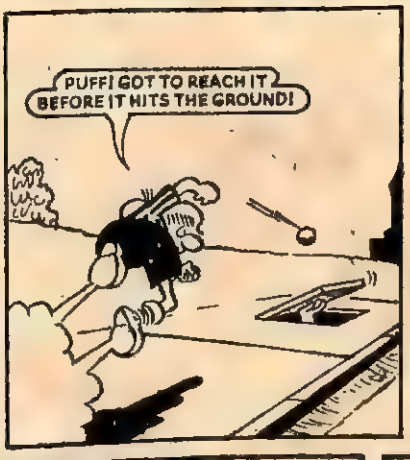

WELL PLAYED THAT DUMMY! —16—17—

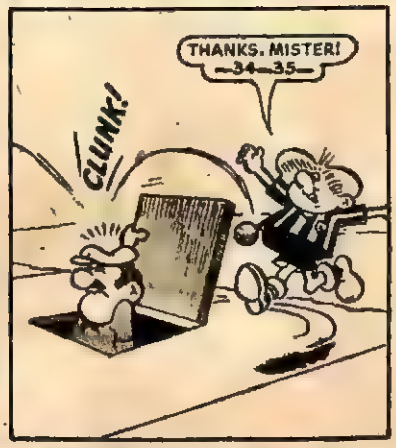

Then—
—24—25—
BOOMPH!


WHERE IS IT?

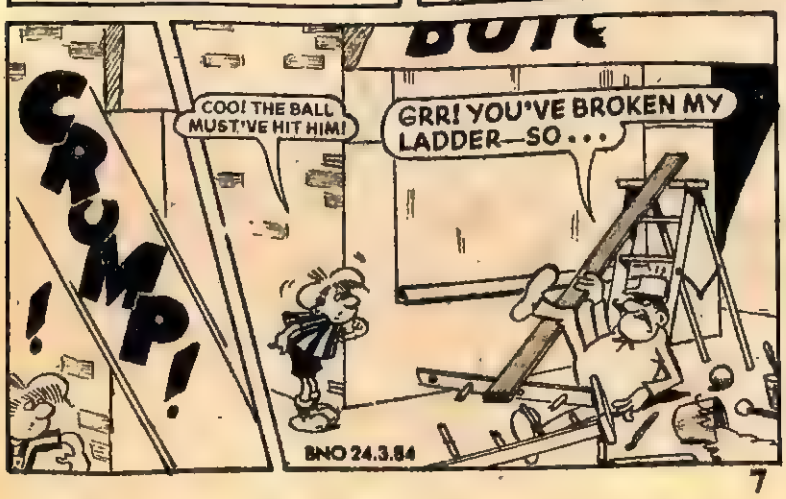

HEH! WISH I'D MEANT THAT! —26—27—
BOING!
BONK!
BOUNCE

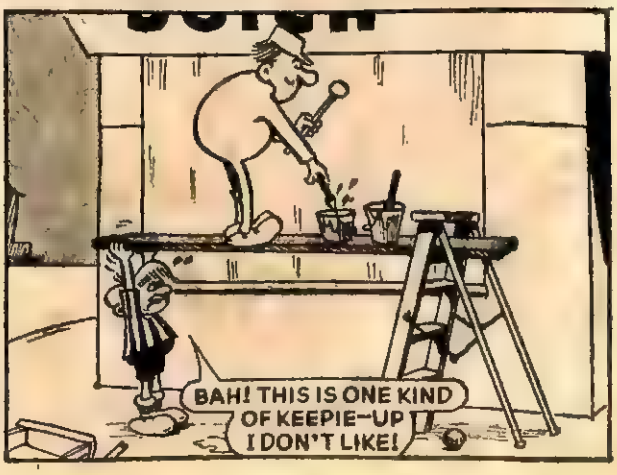
32—33—OOPS! TOO HARD!
WHUMP!


PUFF! GOT TO REACH IT BEFORE IT HITS THE GROUND!

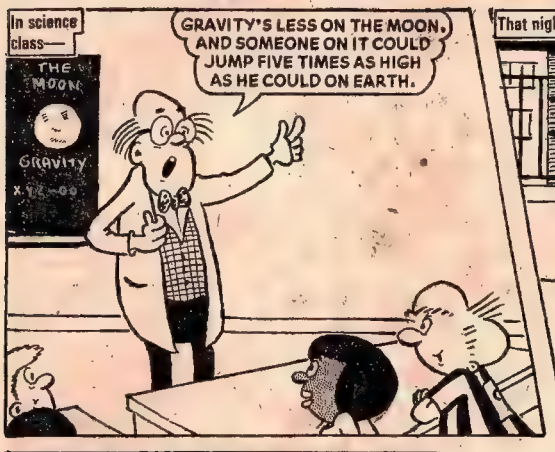

THANKS, MISTER! —34—35—
CLUNK!

—42—43—
JUST ONE MORE TO BEAT MY RECORD!
BOOT!

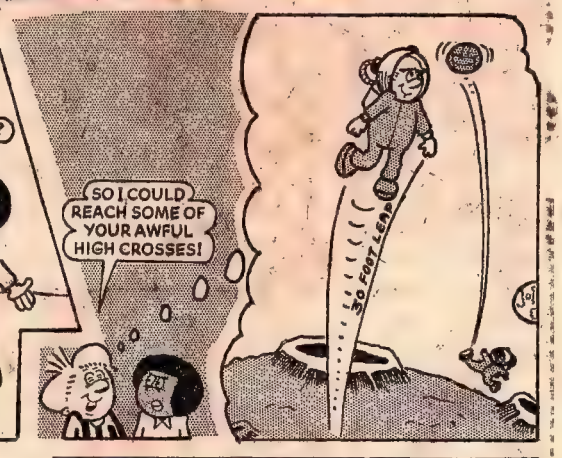

CRUMP!
COO! THE BALL MUST'VE HIT HIM!
GRR! YOU'VE BROKEN MY LADDER—SO . . .
BNO 24.3.84


BAH! THIS IS ONE KIND OF KEEPIE-UP I DON'T LIKE!

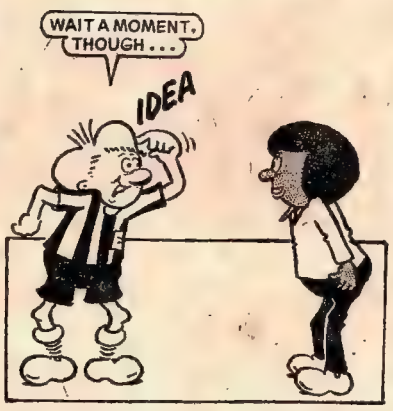
BALL BOY

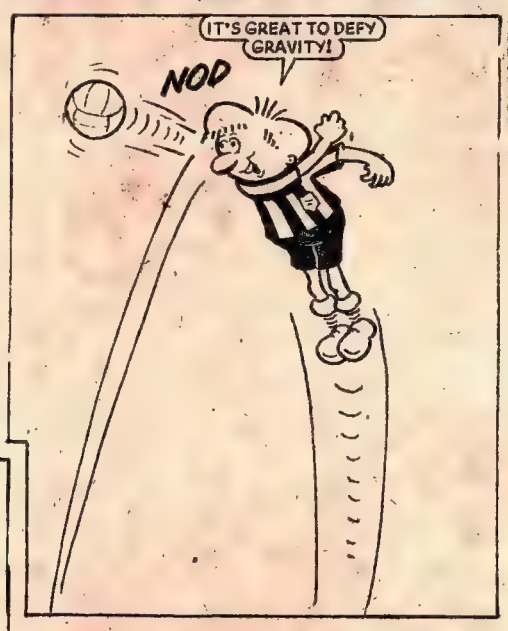

In science class—
THE MOON
GRAVITY
GRAVITY'S LESS ON THE MOON, AND SOMEONE ON IT COULD JUMP FIVE TIMES AS HIGH AS HE COULD ON EARTH.

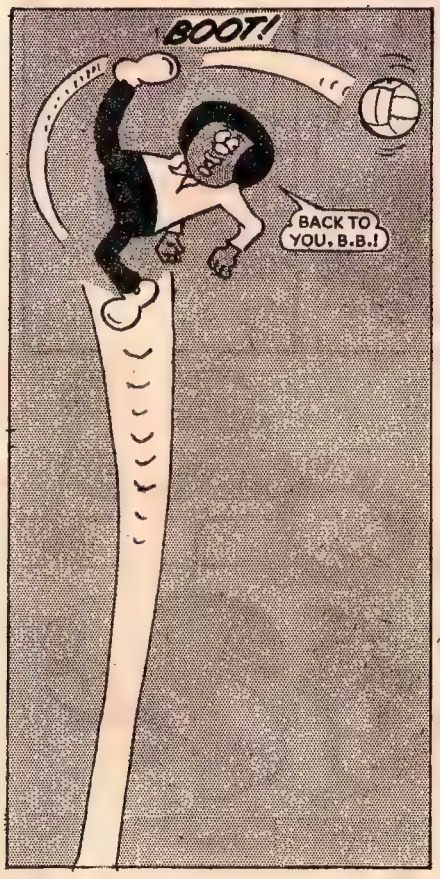
That night—
WISH WE COULD HAVE A GAME ON THE MOON, BENJY.
WHY?

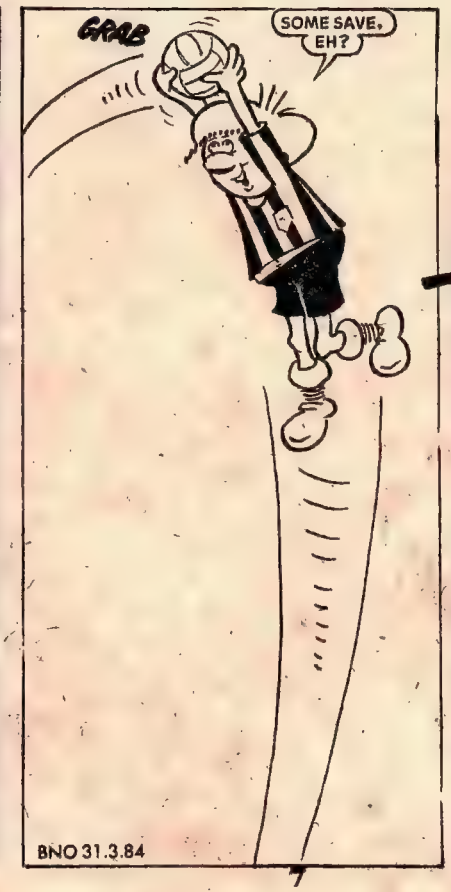

SO I COULD REACH SOME OF YOUR AWFUL HIGH CROSSES!
30 FOOT LEAP

WE COULD HAVE A GREAT GAME UP THERE, LEAPING AROUND.


WAIT A MOMENT, THOUGH...
IDEA


IT'S GREAT TO DEFY GRAVITY!
NOD


BOOT!
BACK TO YOU, B.B.!


GRAB
SOME SAVE, EH?
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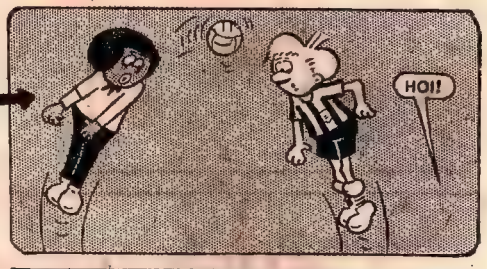
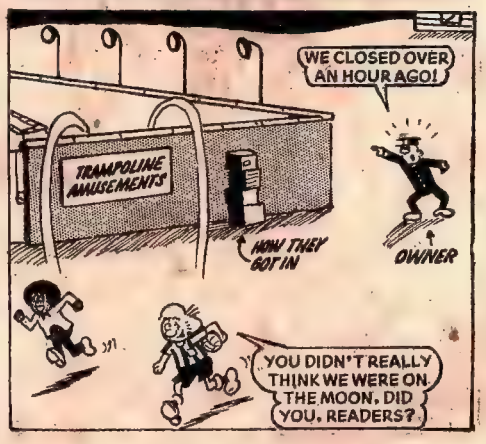
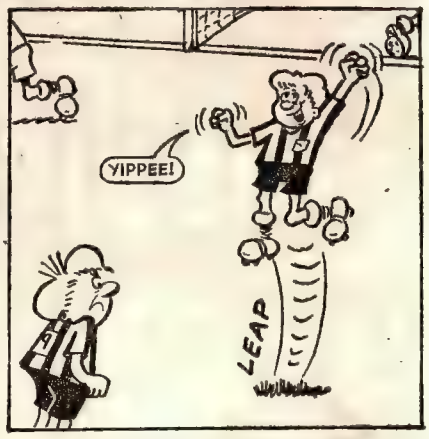

HOI!


WE CLOSED OVER AN HOUR AGO!
TRAMPOLINE AMUSEMENTS
HOW THEY GOT IN
OWNER
YOU DIDN'T REALLY THINK WE WERE ON THE MOON, DID YOU, READERS?

BALL BOY

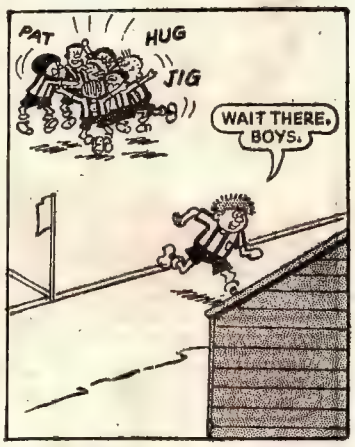
I WANT YOU TO CUT OUT ALL THE CELEBRATING AFTER WE'VE SCORED A GOAL. RIGHT?
WE'LL TRY, B.B.!

The match begins—
BOOT
IT'S A GOAL!


YIPPEE!
LEAP

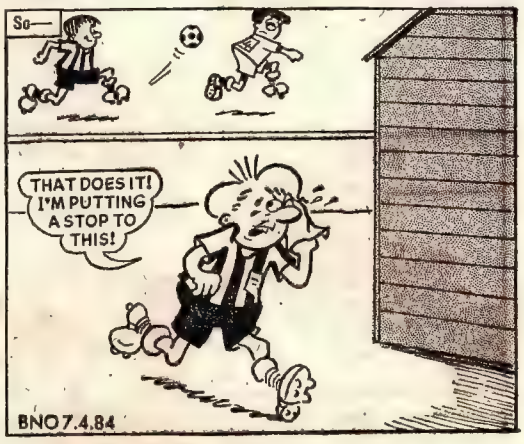
YAHOO! LOVELY GOAL, THAT!
TRAMPLE! THUNDER!
OOOF!

THEY HAVEN'T LISTENED TO A WORD I SAID!


PAT
HUG
JIG
WAIT THERE, BOYS.

Then—
WE'LL CELEBRATE WITH THIS FIZZY POP!
HUH!

OOPS! SORRY B.B.!
GLUB!
SCOOOSH!


So—
THAT DOES IT! I'M PUTTING A STOP TO THIS!
BNO 7.4.84

Later—
ANOTHER GOAL, BUT NO CONGRATULATIONS, B.B.! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
READER?
SIMPLE, READER!

I BOUGHT MY TEAM MONSTER MASKS AT THE TRICK SHOP! THEY'RE SCARED TO GO NEAR EACH OTHER NOW!

BALL BOY

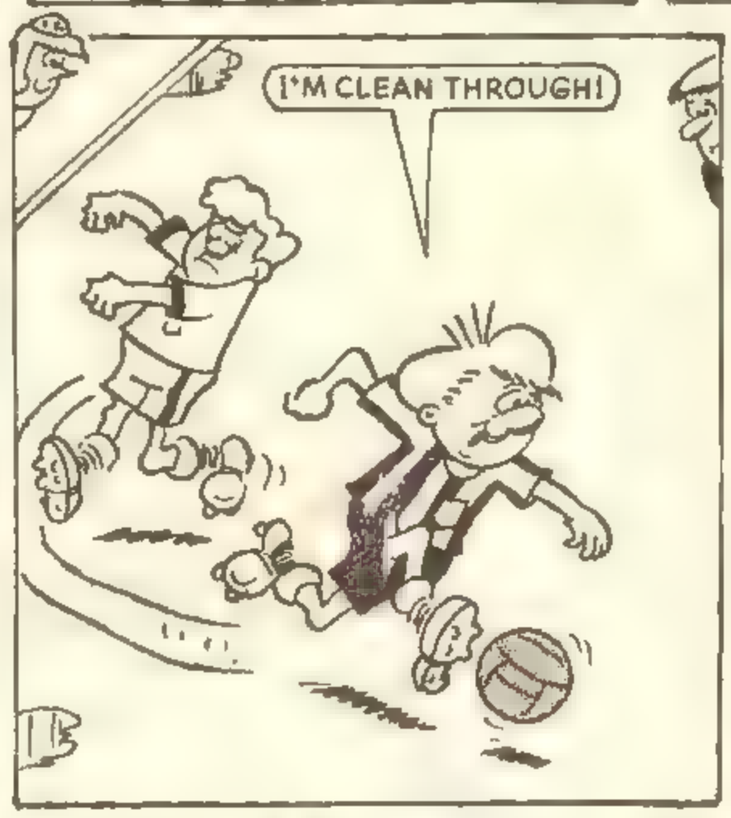
I'M BORED— NOTHING TO DO.
MUM

WHY NOT COME AND WATCH US PLAY?
GOOD IDEA, SON!

So—
HUH! MISSED MY SLIDING TACKLE!

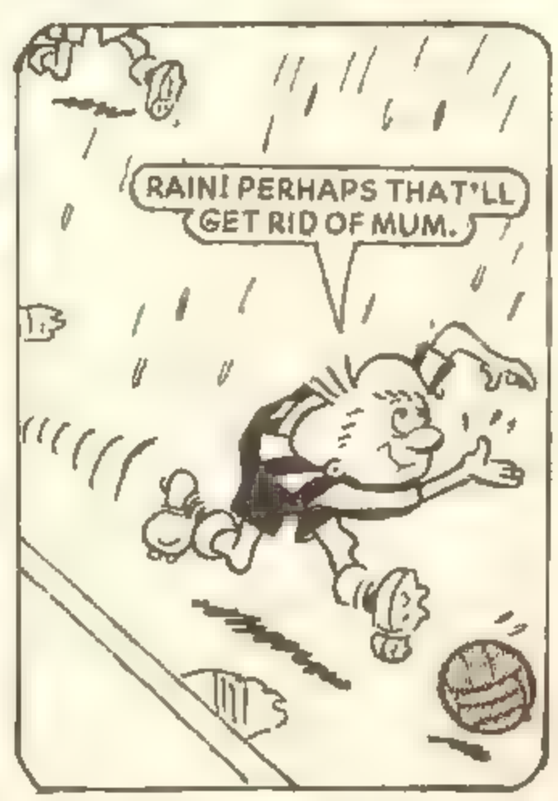
IS HE INJURED?
DASH
?

NO, HE'S GOT MUD ON HIS KNEES—MUST WIPE THEM!

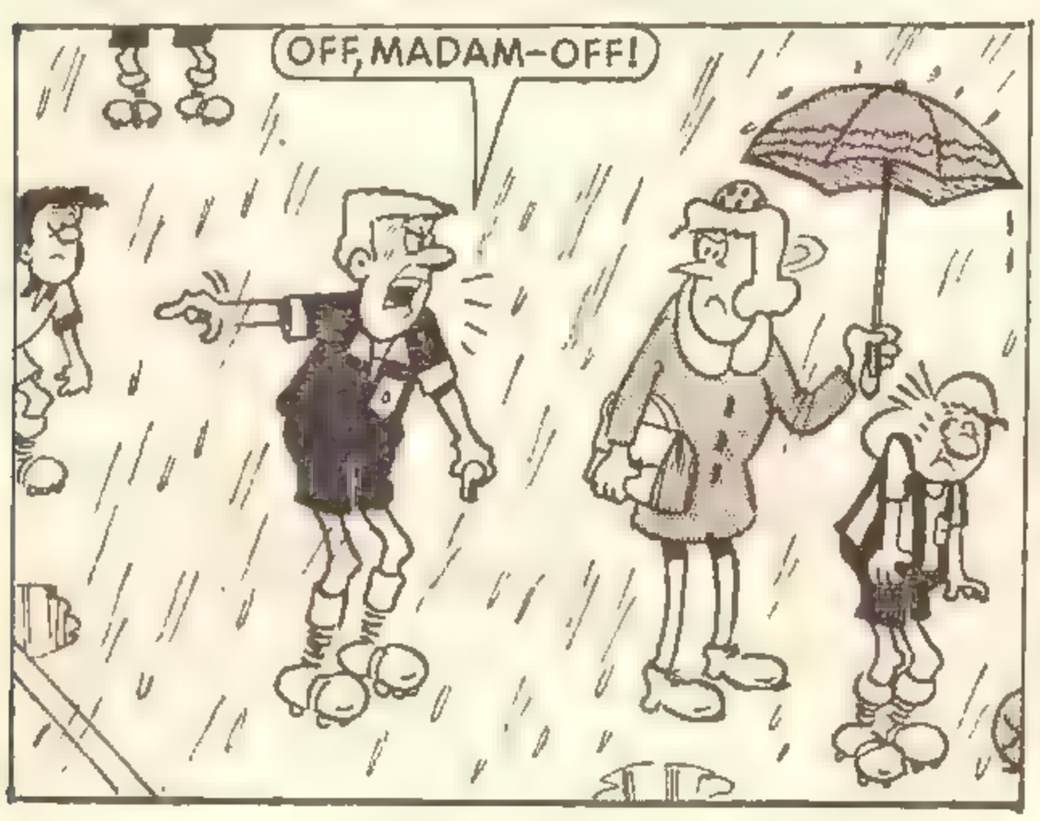

I'M CLEAN THROUGH!

A FAIR TACKLE.
OOPS! DIDN'T SEE HIM!

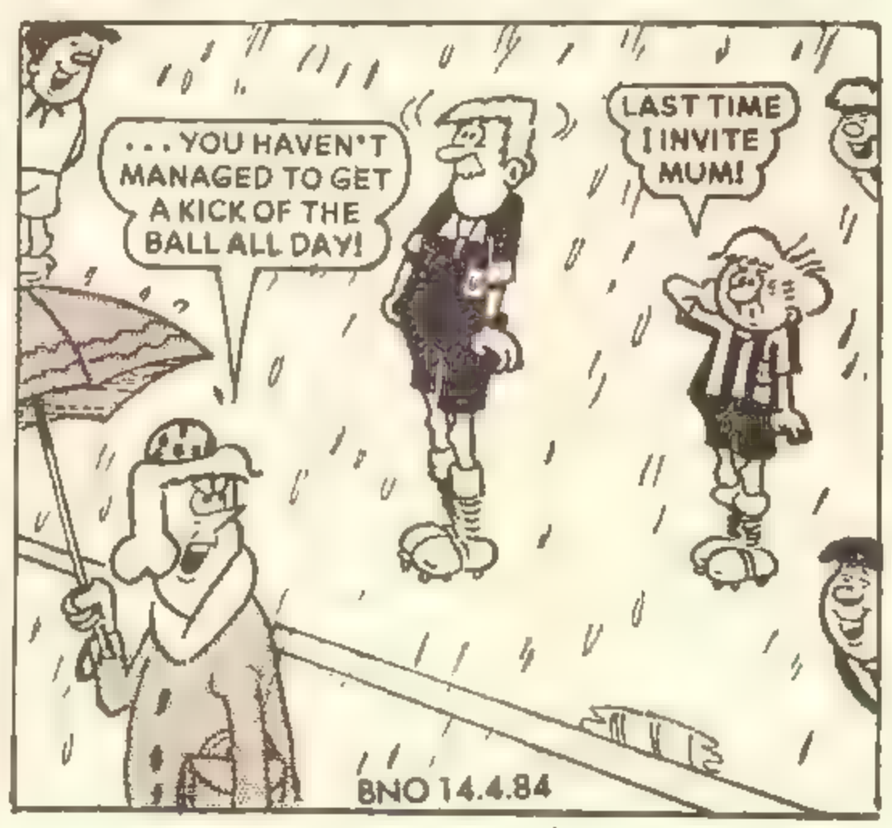
GIVE MY SON THAT BALL BACK AT ONCE! HE WAS PLAYING WITH IT!
THUMP!
OUCH!


RAIN! PERHAPS THAT'LL GET RID OF MUM.

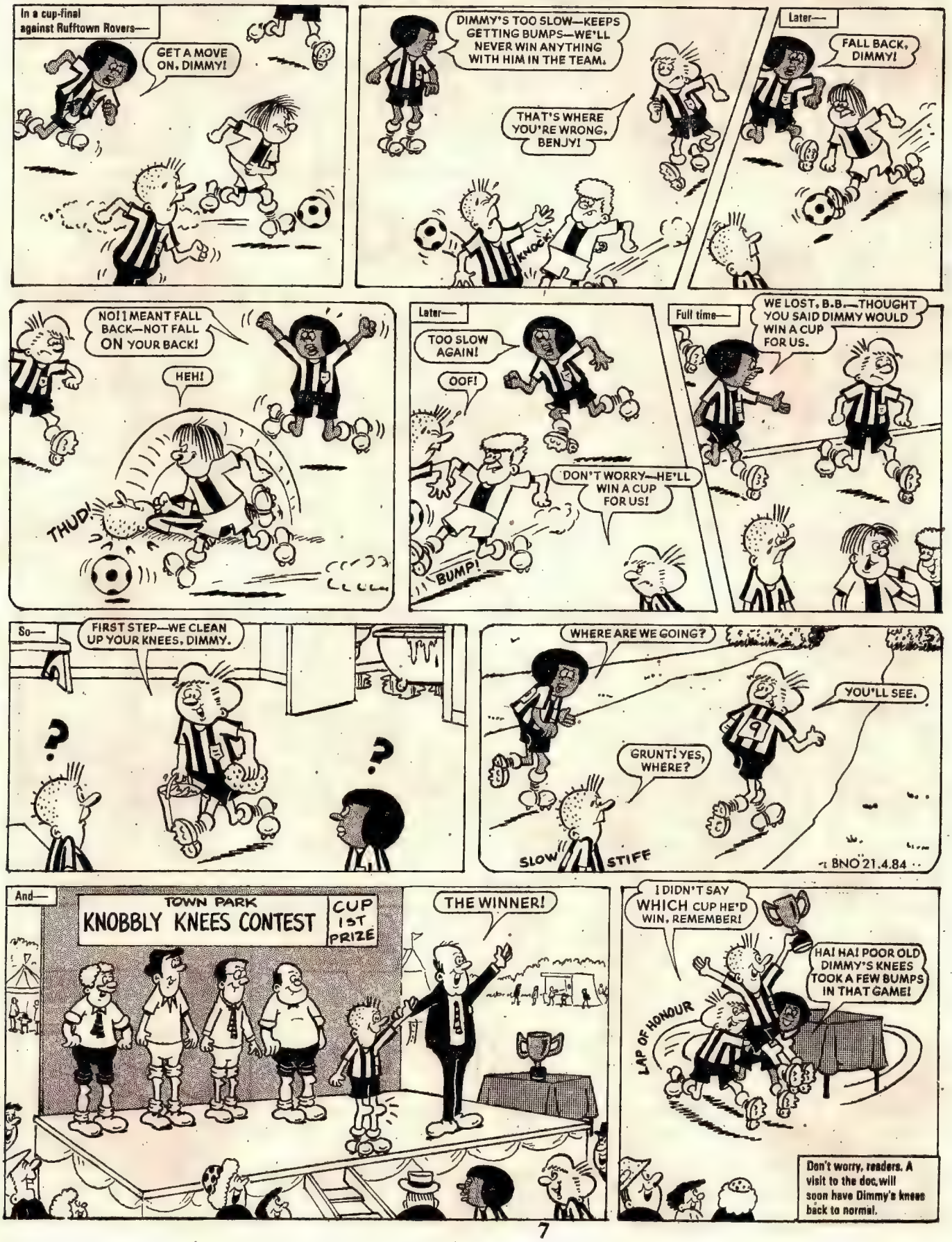
But—
CAN'T HAVE YOU GETTING A CHILL!
ANGRY


OFF, MADAM—OFF!

DON'T SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT! ANYWAY, I KNOW WHY YOU'RE IN SUCH A BAD MOOD . . .


. . . YOU HAVEN'T MANAGED TO GET A KICK OF THE BALL ALL DAY!
LAST TIME I INVITE MUM!
BNO 14.4.84

BALL BOY


In a cup-final against Rufftown Rovers—
GET A MOVE ON, DIMMY!
DIMMY'S TOO SLOW—KEEPS GETTING BUMPS—WE'LL NEVER WIN ANYTHING WITH HIM IN THE TEAM.
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, BENJY!
KNOCK!
Later—
FALL BACK, DIMMY!
NO! I MEANT FALL BACK—NOT FALL ON YOUR BACK!
HEH!
THUD!
Later—
TOO SLOW AGAIN!
OOF!
DON'T WORRY—HE'LL WIN A CUP FOR US!
BUMP!
Full time—
WE LOST, B.B.—THOUGHT YOU SAID DIMMY WOULD WIN A CUP FOR US.
So—
FIRST STEP—WE CLEAN UP YOUR KNEES, DIMMY.
?
?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'LL SEE.
GRUNT! YES, WHERE?
SLOW
STIFF
BNO 21.4.84
And—
TOWN PARK
KNOBBLY KNEES CONTEST
CUP 1ST PRIZE
THE WINNER!
I DIDN'T SAY WHICH CUP HE'D WIN, REMEMBER!
HA! HA! POOR OLD DIMMY'S KNEES TOOK A FEW BUMPS IN THAT GAME!
LAP OF HONOUR
Don't worry, readers. A visit to the doc, will soon have Dimmy's knees back to normal.

BALL BOY

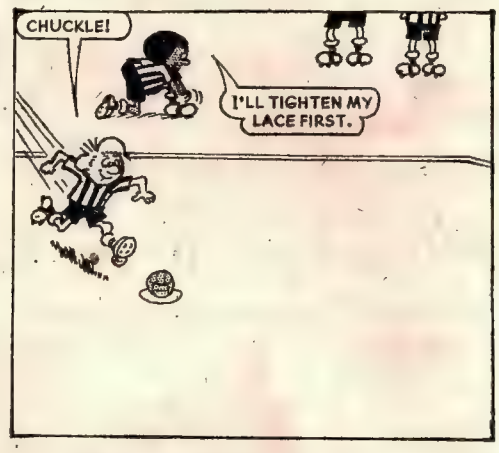
OLD MINE WORKS
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST COLLIERY ROVERS TODAY.

GOOD PASS!

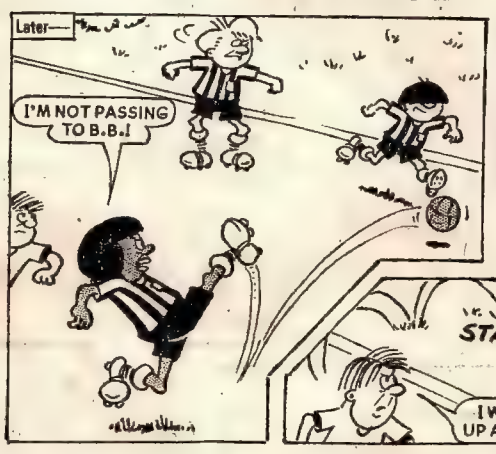
MINE!
EH?

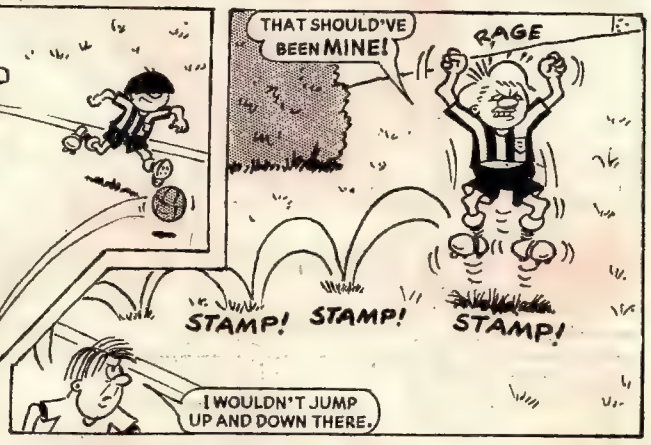
PESKY B.B.!

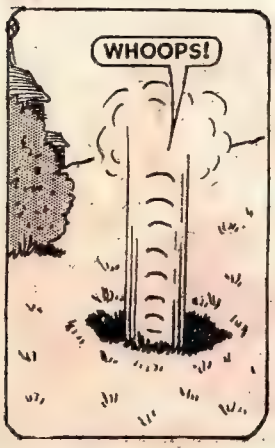
Soon—
PHEEP!
PENALTY! I'LL TAKE IT MYSELF.
TRIP

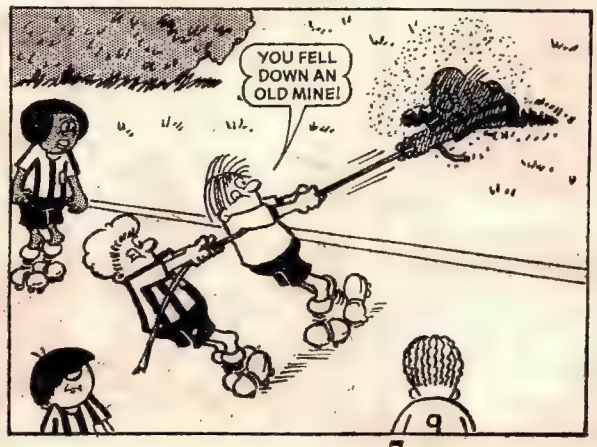

CHUCKLE!
I'LL TIGHTEN MY LACE FIRST.

GOAL—AND IT'S MINE!
BOOT!


Later—
I'M NOT PASSING TO B.B.!

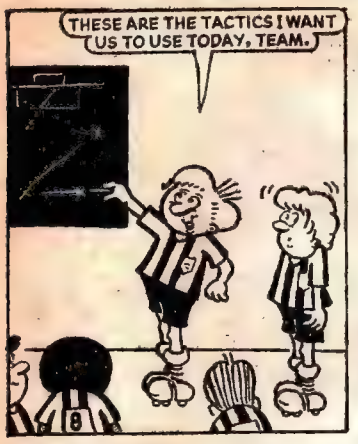

THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN MINE!
RAGE
STAMP!
STAMP!
STAMP!
I WOULDN'T JUMP UP AND DOWN THERE.

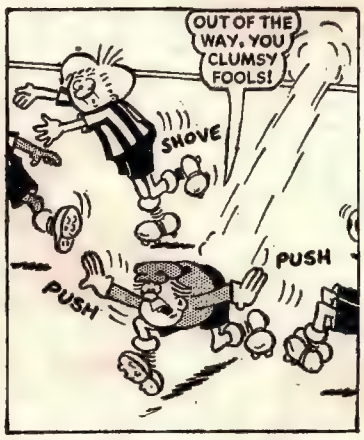

WHOOPS!

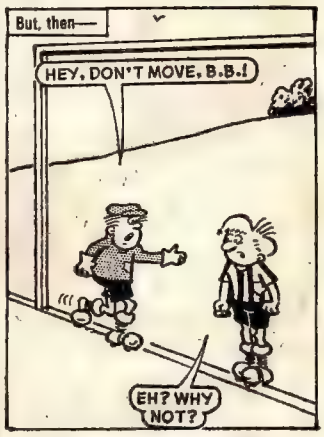

YOU FELL DOWN AN OLD MINE!

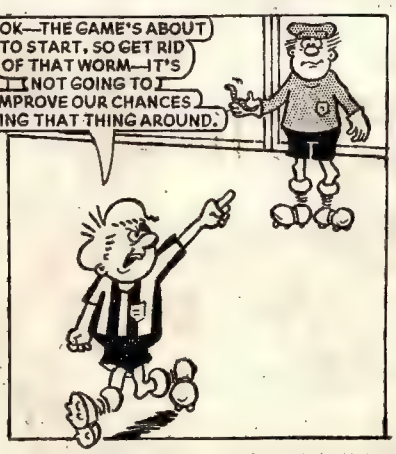
Then—
YOURS!
I THINK BALL BOY'S HAD ENOUGH OF "MINES" FOR ONE DAY!
LEAP
BNO 28.4.84

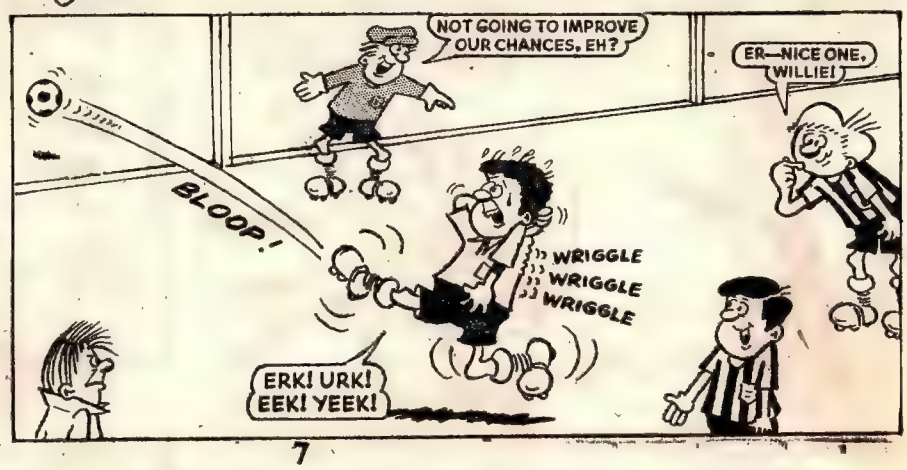
BALL BOY











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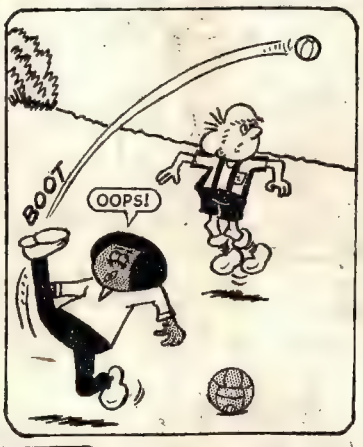
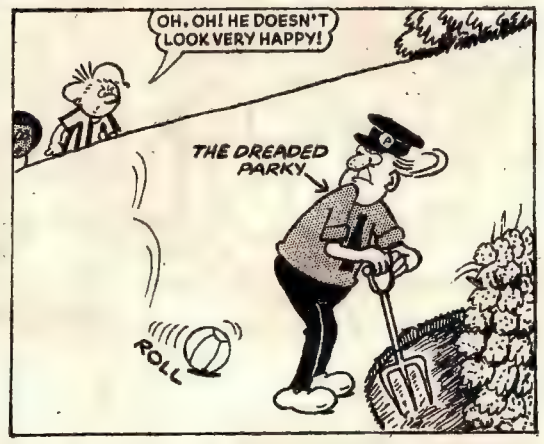
BALL BOY

UPTOWN PARK
LET'S HOPE THE PARKY'S IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY, BENJY.

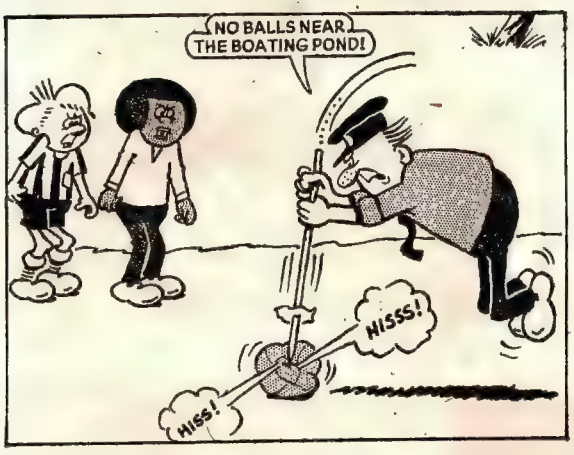

BOOT
OOPS!


OH, OH! HE DOESN'T LOOK VERY HAPPY!
THE DREADED PARKY
ROLL

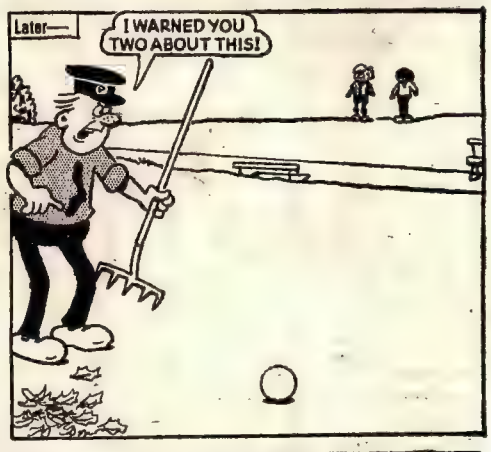
AW!
KEEP YOUR BALL AWAY FROM MY FLOWERS!
HISSS!
HISSS!

GOOD JOB WE'VE GOT ANOTHER BALL.

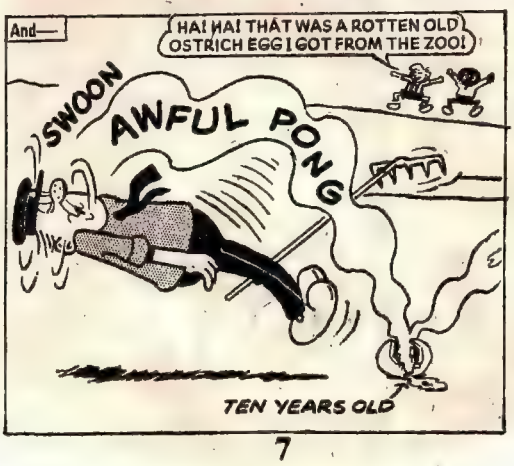
Then—
ERK! A MIS-KICK!
BOATING POND


NO BALLS NEAR THE BOATING POND!
HISSS!
HISS!

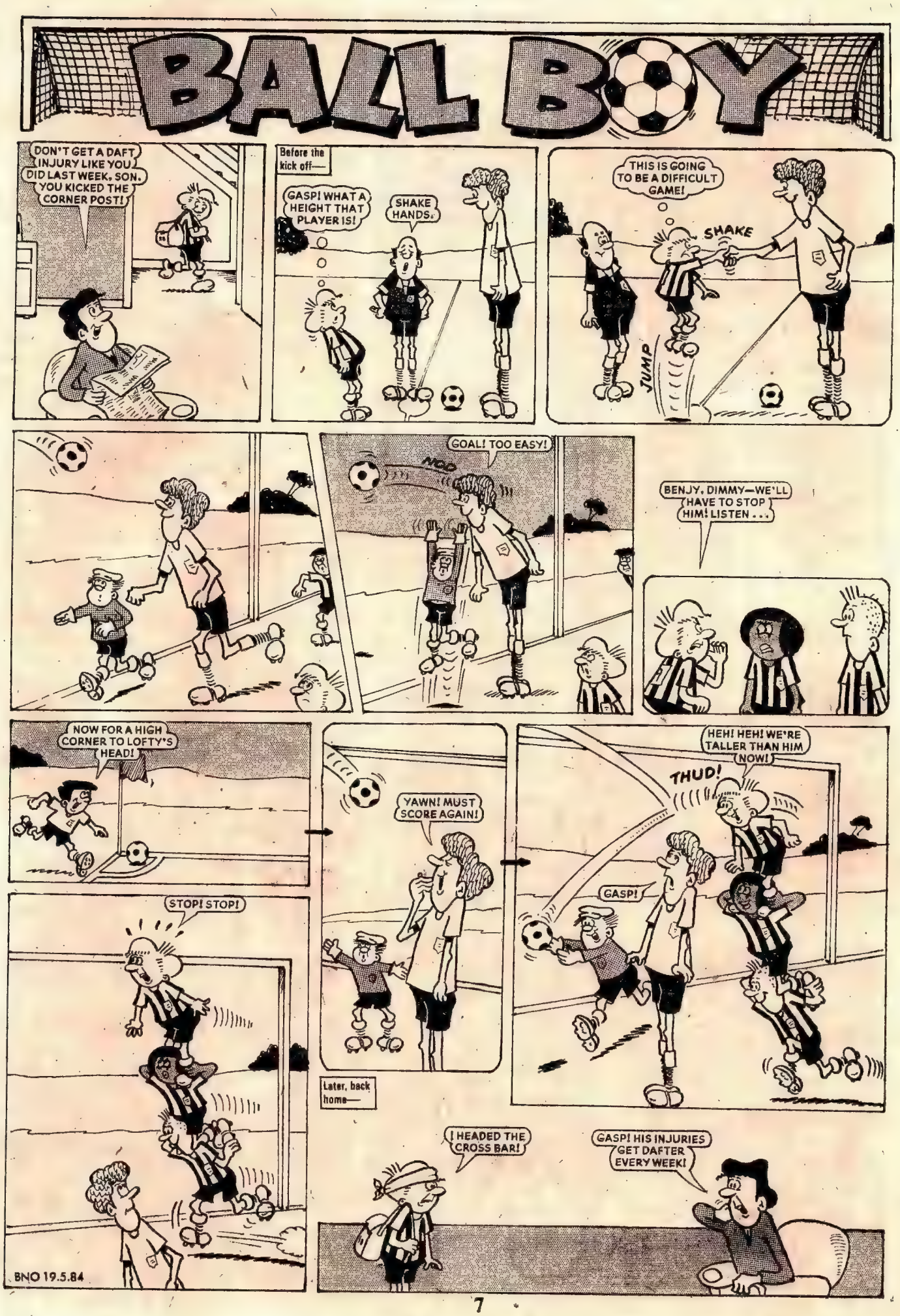
WAIT THERE—I'M OFF TO GET A...


Later—
I WARNED YOU TWO ABOUT THIS!

SWIPE
BNO 12.5.84


And—
HA! HA! THAT WAS A ROTTEN OLD OSTRICH EGG I GOT FROM THE ZOO!
SWOON
AWFUL PONG
TEN YEARS OLD

I'M OFF TO HAVE A BATH!
I ALSO GOT A BAG OF STALE BUNS THE ELEPHANT DIDN'T WANT. BETTER THAN NOTHING, EH?


BALL BOY
DON'T GET A DAFT INJURY LIKE YOU DID LAST WEEK, SON. YOU KICKED THE CORNER POST!
Before the kick off—
GASP! WHAT A HEIGHT THAT PLAYER IS!
SHAKE HANDS.
THIS IS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT GAME!
SHAKE
JUMP
MOO
GOAL! TOO EASY!
BENJY, DIMMY—WE'LL HAVE TO STOP HIM! LISTEN . . .
NOW FOR A HIGH CORNER TO LOFTY'S HEAD!
YAWN! MUST SCORE AGAIN!
HEH! HEH! WE'RE TALLER THAN HIM NOW!
THUD!
GASP!
STOP! STOP!
Later, back home—
I HEADED THE CROSS BAR!
GASP! HIS INJURIES GET DAFTER EVERY WEEK!
BNO 19.5.84

BALL BOY

HEY, B.B.—WHO'S THE REF TODAY?
HOME
DON'T KNOW, JOE!

Later—
WHERE IS THE REF? HE'S TEN MINUTES LATE!

OH, NO! IT'S MR O'BLEARY—THE MOST SHORT-SIGHTED WHISTLER IN THE LEAGUE!
SORRY I'M LATE, BOYS. WENT TO THE CRICKET PITCH INSTEAD!

AW!
BOOTER
MISSED AN EASY CHANCE, THERE!

GOAL!
BUT I MISSED, REF!
EH?
FAIR MINDED
WHAT?

GIGGLE!
DON'T ARGUE WITH ME, SONNY!
TEE-HEE!

HALF-TIME!
PHEEP!
WHAT? THE GAME'S JUST STARTED!

HE MUST'VE LOOKED AT HIS WATCH UPSIDE DOWN!
NEVER MIND—FOLLOW ME, LADS!

WHAT A GOOD GAME NOW!
READER'S VOICE
YES, BUT WHERE'S THE REF?

...AND DON'T SHAKE YOUR HEAD AT ME, LADDIE!
WE'VE MOVED ON TO THIS PITCH! MR O'BLEARY HASN'T NOTICED US YET!

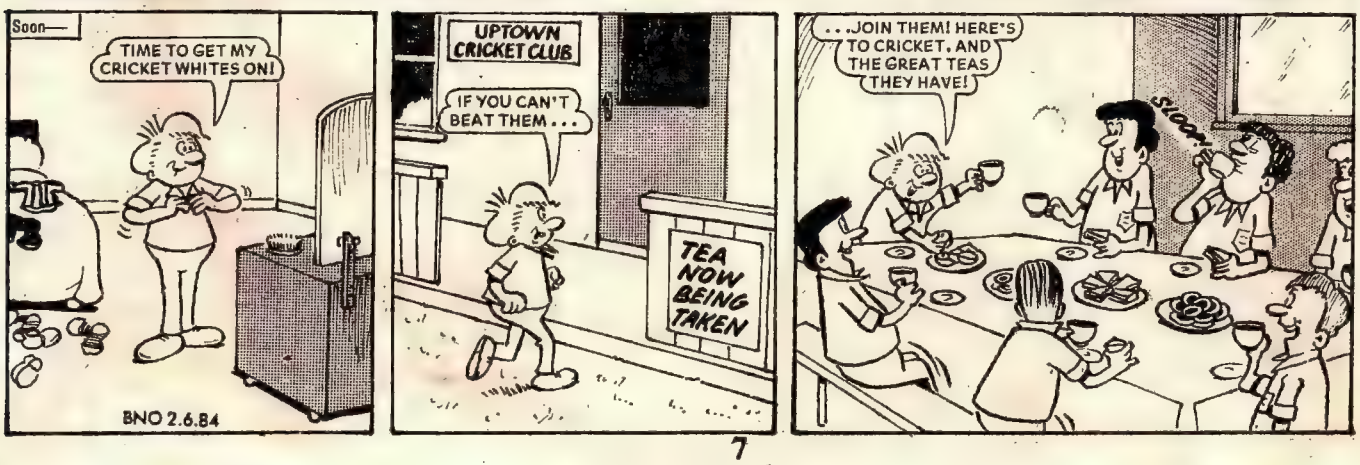
BNO 26.5.84

BALL BOY

THERE ARE LOTS OF REASONS I PREFER FOOTBALL TO CRICKET...
CRICKET SEASON BEGINS
...FOR A START, THE WEATHER AFFECTS IT...
...BUT FOOTBALL GOES ON!

THEN THE BATSMEN HAVE TO WAIT THEIR TURN!
FOOTBALLERS ARE ACTIVE ALL THE TIME!
GOAL!
CRICKET MATCHES HAVE THEIR QUIETER MOMENTS FOR SPECTATORS!
YAWN!
YAWN!

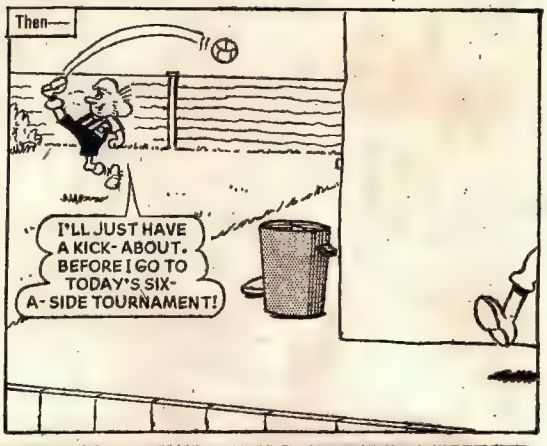
FOOTBALL FANS ARE KEPT ON THEIR TOES!
HI, B.B.! OUR MATCH IS OFF!
OUR OPPONENTS, UNITED, HAVE ALL GOT THE COLD!


Soon—
TIME TO GET MY CRICKET WHITES ON!
BNO 2.6.84
UPTOWN CRICKET CLUB
IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM...
TEA NOW BEING TAKEN
...JOIN THEM! HERE'S TO CRICKET, AND THE GREAT TEAS THEY HAVE!
SLOOP

BALL BOY

SEEN MY OLD TRAINING SHOES, MUM?
THEY'RE IN THE BIN! I BOUGHT YOU A NEW PAIR!

I'LL GET A FEW MORE GAMES OUT OF THESE—THEY'RE REALLY COMFY!
THE SHAME OF IT!


Then—
I'LL JUST HAVE A KICK-ABOUT. BEFORE I GO TO TODAY'S SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT!

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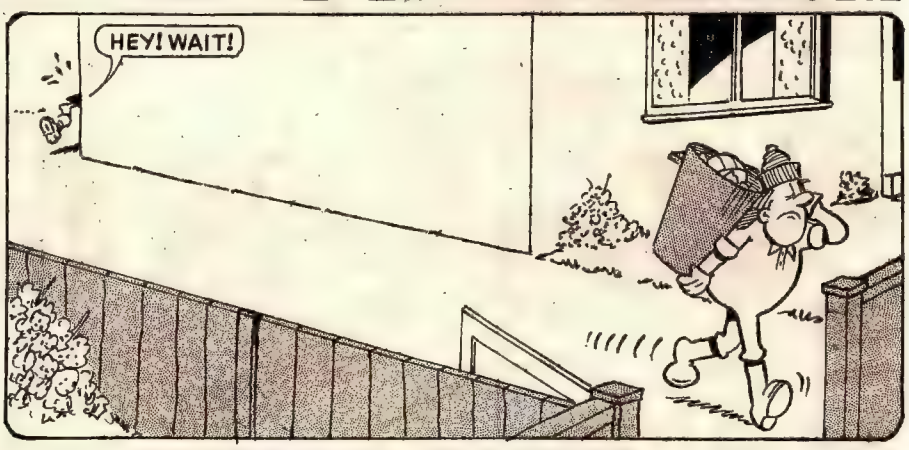
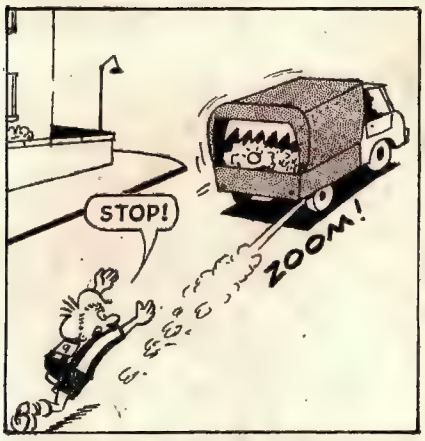
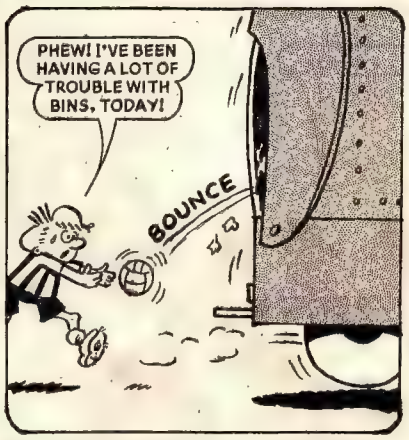
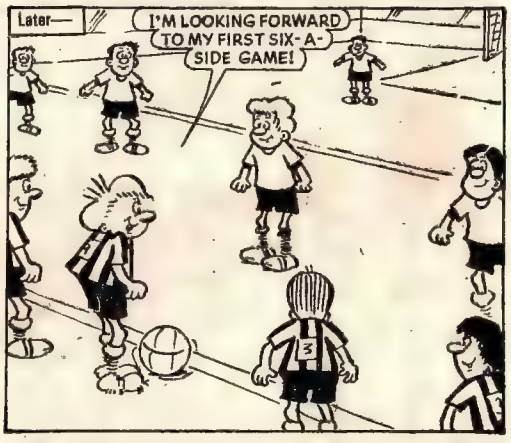
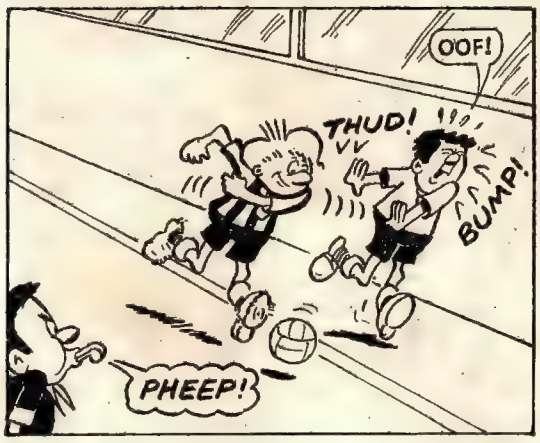
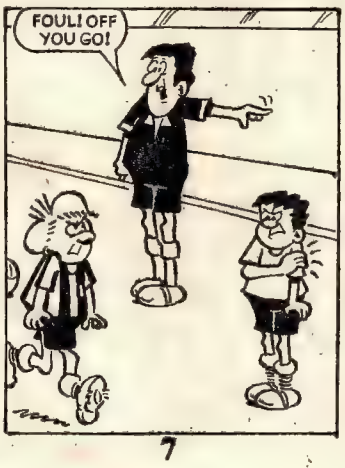

HEY! WAIT!


STOP!
ZOOM!


PHEW! I'VE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH BINS, TODAY!
BOUNCE


Later—
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MY FIRST SIX-A-SIDE GAME!


OOF!
THUD!
BUMP!
PHEEP!


FOUL! OFF YOU GO!

BAH! MORE BIN TROUBLE. I'M IN THE "SIN BIN" FOR TWO MINUTES!
BNO 9.6.84

BALL BOY

I'VE GOT MY TICKET FOR TOMORROW'S BIG CUP FINAL—NEARLY AS VALUABLE AS GOLD DUST, THESE.

CUP LOSERS CUP FINAL

That night—

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW.

Just then—

ERK! A BURGLAR AFTER MY TICKET!

SCRATCH!

SCRATCH!

PHEW! IT'S OUR PUSSY—COULD CALL HIM A "CAT" BURGLAR!

MEAIOW!

I'LL JUST GO AND TUCK MY SON IN.

HE'S NOT IN HIS BED . . .

UNITED

GOT YOU, BURGLAR! AFTER MY TICKET, EH?

ERK! IT'S ME—YOUR MUM!

LEAP

Next morning—

YAWN! DAWN AT LAST—MY TICKET'S SAFE.

HE'S BEEN AWAKE ALL NIGHT

I'M A BIT SLEEPY NOW.

YAWN!

BNO 16.6.84

Later—

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! YOU'VE SLEPT THROUGH THE BIG GAME!

DAD

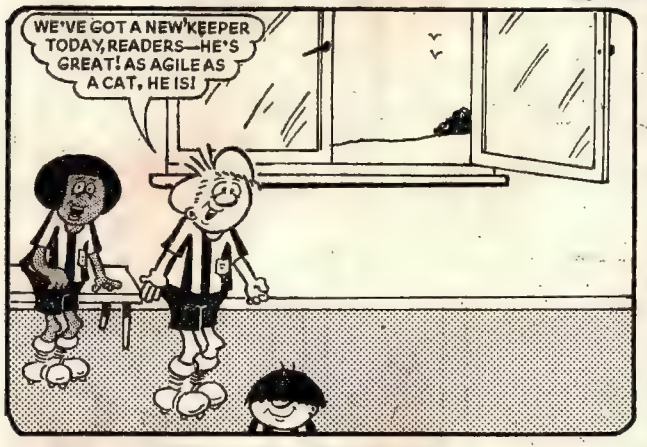
SHAKE

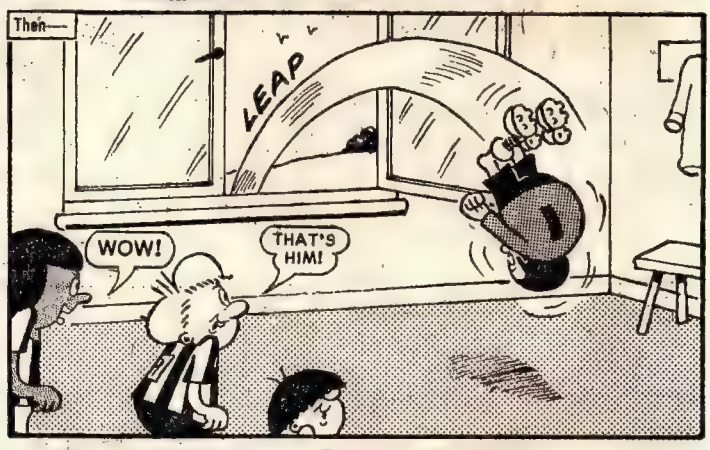
EH? WHAT! OH, NO!

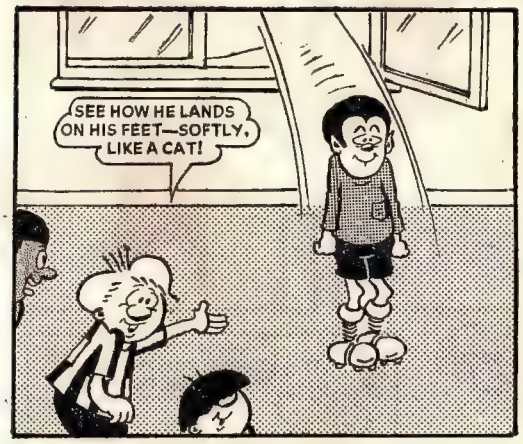
But at the Stadium—

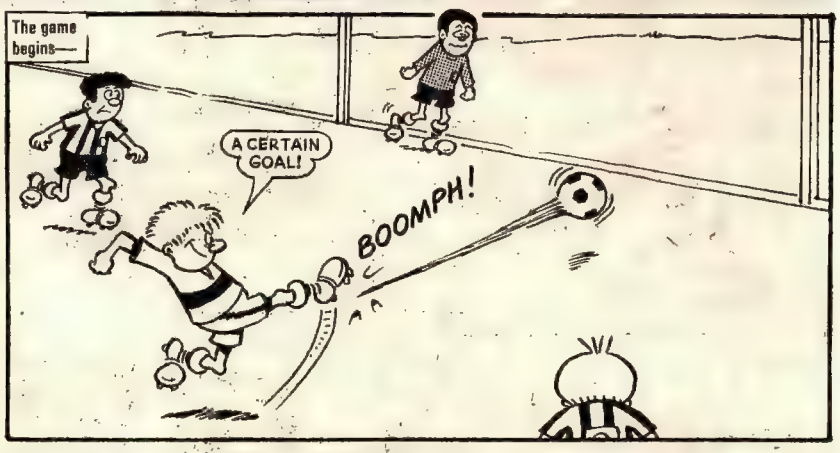
DAD WAS ONLY JOKING—COME ON, UNITED!

BALL BOY

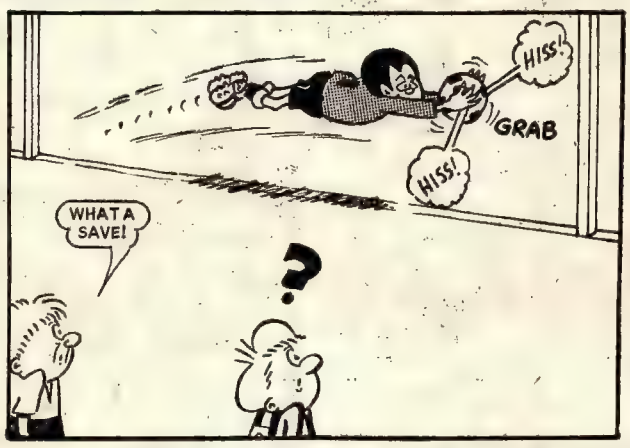

WE'VE GOT A NEW KEEPER TODAY, READERS—HE'S GREAT! AS AGILE AS A CAT, HE IS!


Then—
LEAP
WOW!
THAT'S HIM!


SEE HOW HE LANDS ON HIS FEET—SOFTLY, LIKE A CAT!


The game begins—
A CERTAIN GOAL!
BOOMPH!

CAT-LIKE LEAP

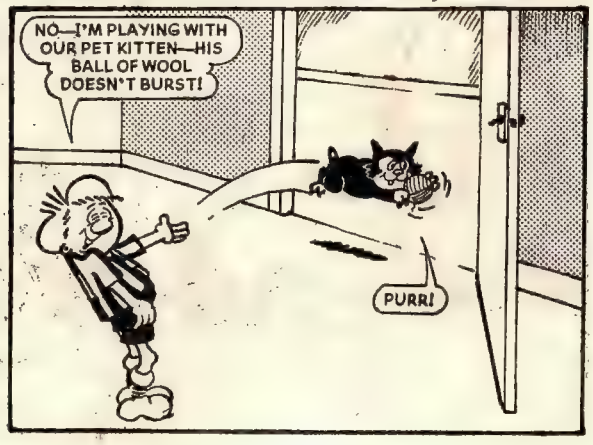

HISS!
GRAB
HISS!
WHAT A SAVE!
?

HUH! THE CAT'S CLAWS NEED CUTTING!

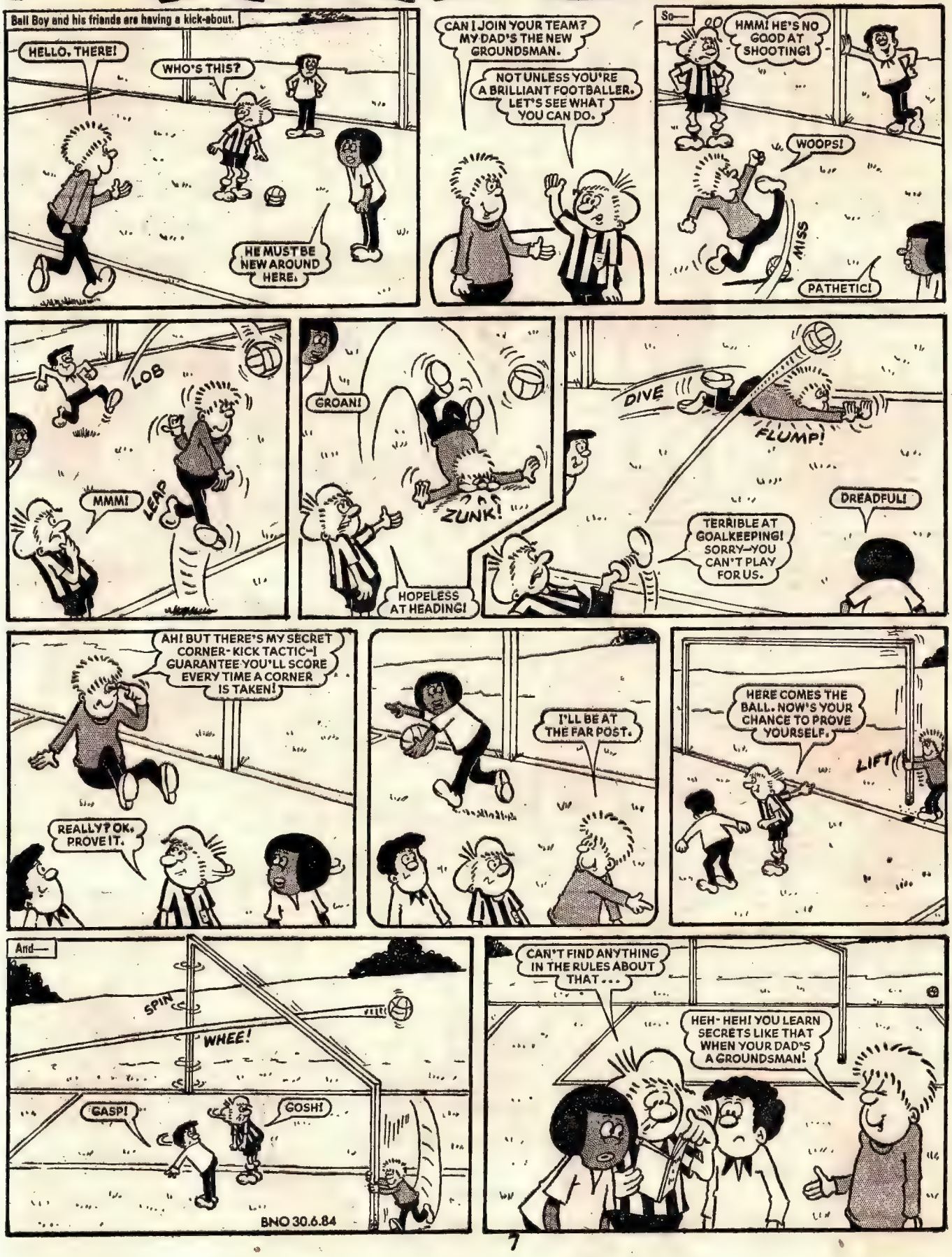
Back home—
HUH! WHAT CAN I USE AS A BALL NOW?
KICK
BNO 23.6.84

HEY! I KNOW!

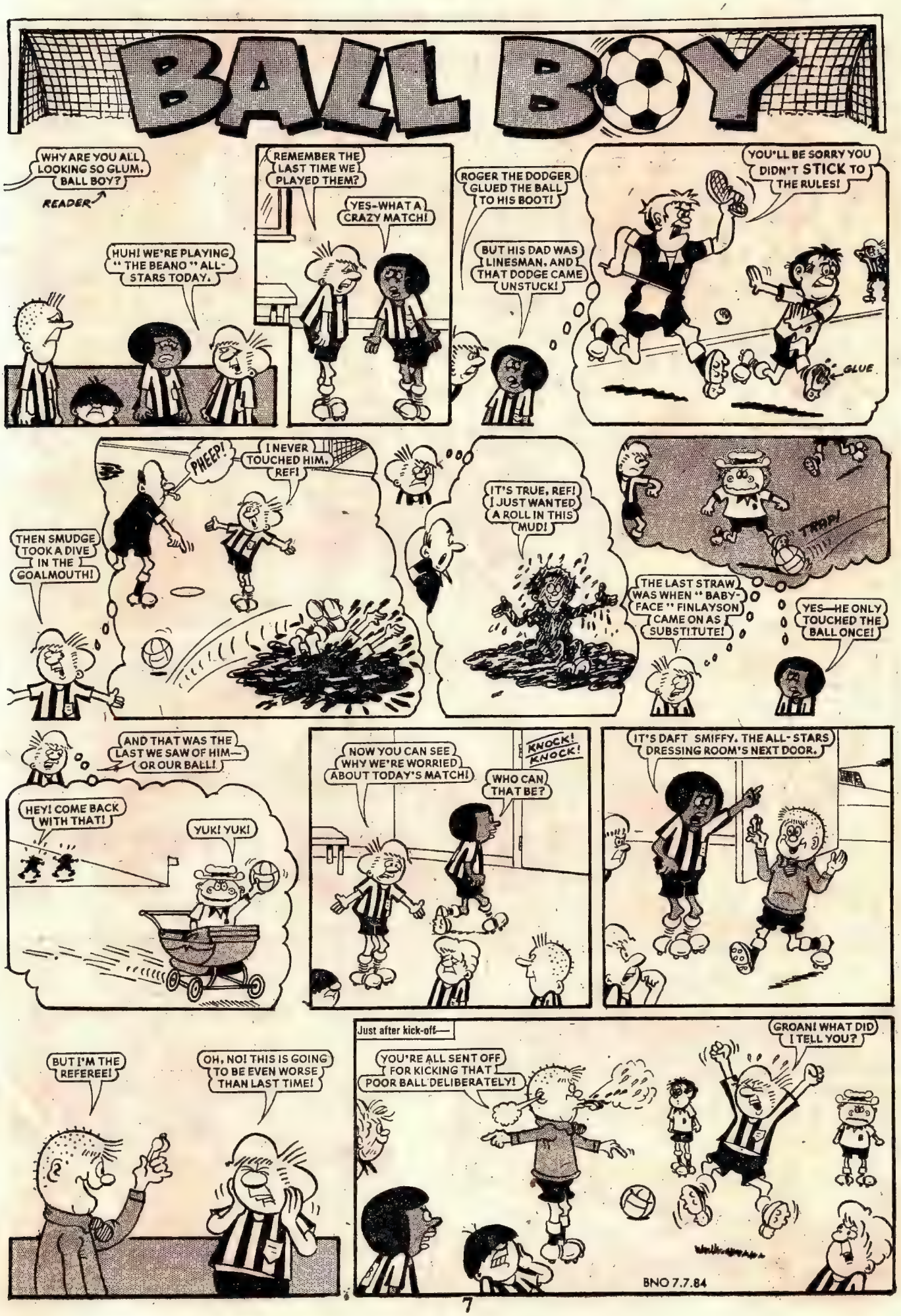
READER'S VOICE
GREAT SAVE, CAT!
PLAYING WITH YOUR NEW GOALIE AGAIN, B.B.?


NO—I'M PLAYING WITH OUR PET KITTEN—HIS BALL OF WOOL DOESN'T BURST!
PURR!

BALL BOY


Ball Boy and his friends are having a kick-about.
HELLO, THERE!
WHO'S THIS?
HE MUST BE NEW AROUND HERE.
CAN I JOIN YOUR TEAM? MY DAD'S THE NEW GROUNDSMAN.
NOT UNLESS YOU'RE A BRILLIANT FOOTBALLER. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.
So—
HMM! HE'S NO GOOD AT SHOOTING!
WOOPS!
MISS
PATHETIC!
LOB
MMM!
LEAP
GROAN!
ZUNK!
HOPELESS AT HEADING!
DIVE
FLUMP!
TERRIBLE AT GOALKEEPING! SORRY—YOU CAN'T PLAY FOR US.
DREADFUL!
AH! BUT THERE'S MY SECRET CORNER-KICK TACTIC—I GUARANTEE YOU'LL SCORE EVERY TIME A CORNER IS TAKEN!
REALLY? OK. PROVE IT.
I'LL BE AT THE FAR POST.
HERE COMES THE BALL. NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELF.
LIFT
And—
SPIN
WHEE!
GASP!
GOSH!
BNO 30.6.84
CAN'T FIND ANYTHING IN THE RULES ABOUT THAT...
HEH-HEH! YOU LEARN SECRETS LIKE THAT WHEN YOUR DAD'S A GROUNDSMAN!

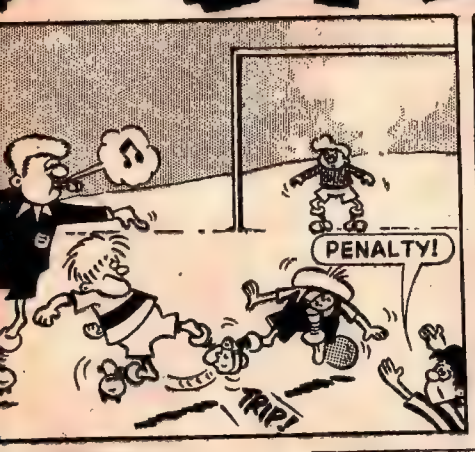
BALL BOY


WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING SO GLUM, BALL BOY?
READER
HUH! WE'RE PLAYING "THE BEANO" ALL-STARS TODAY.
REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED THEM?
YES—WHAT A CRAZY MATCH!
ROGER THE DODGER GLUED THE BALL TO HIS BOOT!
BUT HIS DAD WAS LINESMAN, AND THAT DODGE CAME UNSTUCK!
YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU DIDN'T STICK TO THE RULES!
GLUE
THEN SMUDGE TOOK A DIVE IN THE GOALMOUTH!
PHEEP!
I NEVER TOUCHED HIM, REF!
IT'S TRUE, REF! I JUST WANTED A ROLL IN THIS MUD!
TRIPP!
THE LAST STRAW WAS WHEN "BABY-FACE" FINLAYSON CAME ON AS SUBSTITUTE!
YES—HE ONLY TOUCHED THE BALL ONCE!
AND THAT WAS THE LAST WE SAW OF HIM—OR OUR BALL!
HEY! COME BACK WITH THAT!
YUK! YUK!
NOW YOU CAN SEE WHY WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT TODAY'S MATCH!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
WHO CAN THAT BE?
IT'S DAFT SMIFFY. THE ALL-STARS DRESSING ROOM'S NEXT DOOR.
BUT I'M THE REFEREE!
OH, NO! THIS IS GOING TO BE EVEN WORSE THAN LAST TIME!
Just after kick-off—
YOU'RE ALL SENT OFF FOR KICKING THAT POOR BALL DELIBERATELY!
GROAN! WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
BNO 7.7.84

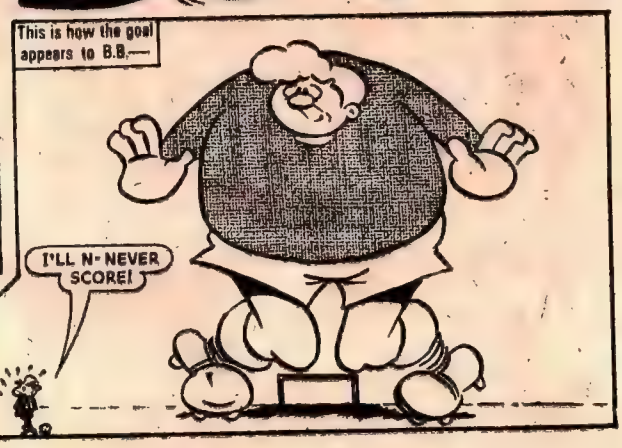
BALL BOY

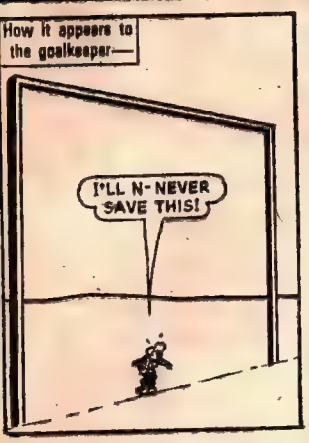
THAT'S NOT YOUR USUAL SHIRT, B.B!
READER
I KNOW—LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE SPONSORING US TODAY.
CRASH!
TINKLE!
GOOD SHOT, DIMMY!
GOOD FOR HIS SPONSOR, THAT IS!
BEN NEVIS DOUBLE GLAZING
DIVE
GRAB
HE'S SPONSORED, TOO!
WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAVING BUSINESS!
BEANOTOWN SAVINGS BANK
WOW! GREAT!
BENJY'S LONG SLIDING TACKLES MAKE IDEAL FURROWS FOR PLANTING POTATOES IN!
P. SHAW POTATO MERCHANT
MOAN! NO-ONE SPONSORS ME!
SORRY—DIDN'T SEE IT.
PENALTY, REF!
SMACK!
Then—
I SAW THAT, WOULD YOU..?
WHISPER!
?
?
THE REF'S GOT A SPONSOR AFTER ALL...
...AND NOT BEFORE TIME!
I. SIGHT OPTICIAN
BNO 14.7.84

BALL BOY


PENALTY!
TRIP!

M-MUST SAVE THIS!
M-MUST SCORE THIS!

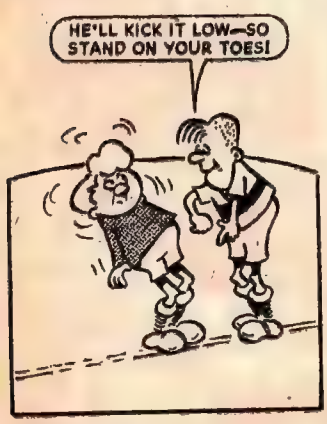

This is how the goal appears to B.B.—
I'LL N-NEVER SCORE!

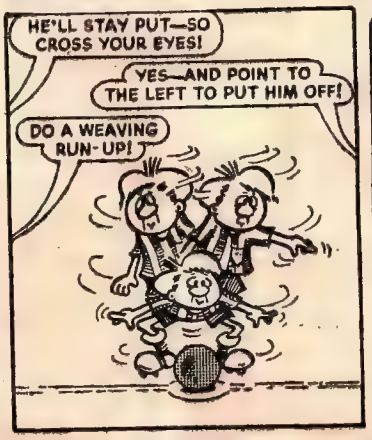

How it appears to the goalkeeper—
I'LL N-NEVER SAVE THIS!

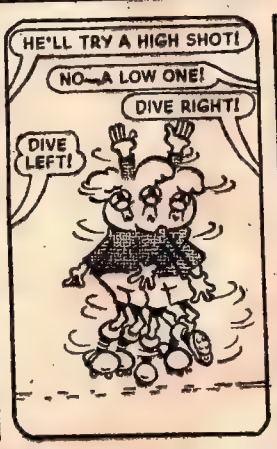
Then the advice starts—
HE'LL DIVE RIGHT—SO AIM LEFT!
LEFT? RIGHT!—ER—I MEAN, OK!

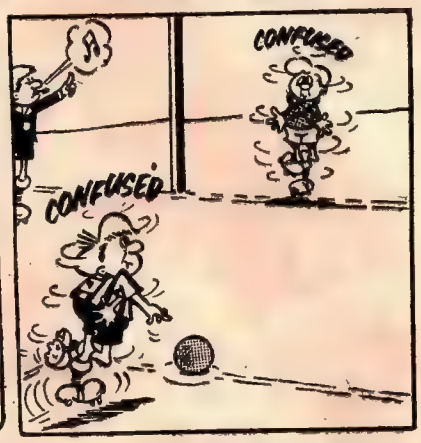
HE'LL AIM LEFT—SO DIVE RIGHT!
RIGHT? RIGHT!

HE'LL EXPECT A HIGH SHOT—SO CROUCH DOWN!


HE'LL KICK IT LOW—SO STAND ON YOUR TOES!


HE'LL STAY PUT—SO CROSS YOUR EYES!
YES—AND POINT TO THE LEFT TO PUT HIM OFF!
DO A WEAVING RUN-UP!


HE'LL TRY A HIGH SHOT!
NO—A LOW ONE!
DIVE RIGHT!
DIVE LEFT!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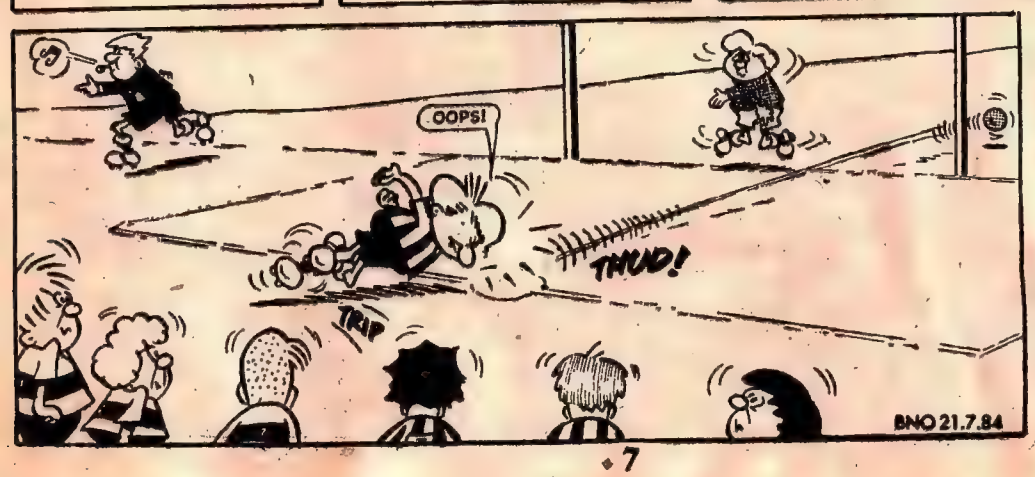

OOPS!
THUD!
TRIP
BNO 21.7.84

NO-ONE EXPECTED THAT—NOT EVEN ME—CHUCKLE!

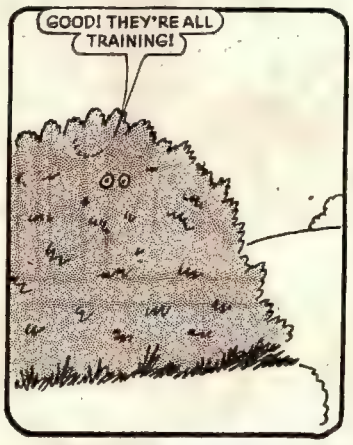
BALL BOY

HEY, B.B.—I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR BIG CUP FINAL TOMORROW!
QUICKLY, THEN—DON'T WANT TO MISS OUR LAST PRACTICE BEFORE IT.

THERE'S A SPY FROM THE OTHER TEAM ON HIS WAY TO WATCH YOU!
THANKS FOR TELLING ME, KEVIN.

HOW CAN I MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT US?

Soon—
AH! THESE BUSHES ARE A PERFECT PLACE TO SPY FROM WITHOUT BEING SEEN!


GOOD! THEY'RE ALL TRAINING!

HO! HO! SO THAT'S THE FAMOUS BALL BOY! HE'S MORE LIKE A GARDENER THAN A FOOTBALLER!

TITTER! FIRST PLAYER I'VE SEEN WHO DRIBBLES THE BALL WITH HIS NOSE!

HEE! HEE! WONDER IF HE'S AS GOOD AT SLICING BREAD AS HE IS AT SLICING A BALL?

NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM. LAST TIME I SAW SO MANY USELESS OBJECTS, I WAS IN A JUNK YARD!
THERE GOES THE SPY!

OK, LADS—ALL CHANGE!

Next day—
LOB
PASS
BACK HEEL
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT—THIS LOT LOOKED HOPELESS YESTERDAY!
AH, BUT WE DON'T HAVE OUR BOOTS ON THE WRONG FEET TO MISLEAD YOU TODAY!
BNO 28.7.84

BALL BOY

At half time—
GOING IN GOALS FOR THE SECOND HALF, B.B.?
GRAB

NO—IT'S MY TURN TO TAKE THE HALF-TIME COLLECTION.

WANT TO PUT SOME MONEY IN THE HAT?
HIS TURN—I PAID LAST WEEK.

NO—IT'S HIS TURN. I PAID THE WEEK BEFORE.

BROKE!
HUH! I'M NOT GOING TO COLLECT MUCH FROM HIM!

So—
AT LAST!
BENJY'S DAD

NO, SORRY, B.B.—THIS GOES TOWARDS A KITCHEN WINDOW BENJY KICKED A BALL THROUGH!

HMM! MANCHESTER UNITED TAKE IN MORE GATE MONEY THAN THIS, DON'T THEY?

I'LL HAVE TO THROW THIS MONEY AWAY, BUTCH! THE COPS ARE ON OUR TRAIL!
TOSS

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF POUNDS HERE—WHAT A HALF-TIME COLLECTION!

GOOD. CUT!
COULD WE HAVE OUR FAKE MONEY BACK, KID?
ACE FILM CO.
BRAKE
ER—KNEW IT WAS FALSE MONEY!
FIBBER.

Later—
YUM! THE DIRECTOR BOUGHT US THESE FISH SUPPERS FOR GIVING THE FILM CREW A LAUGH!

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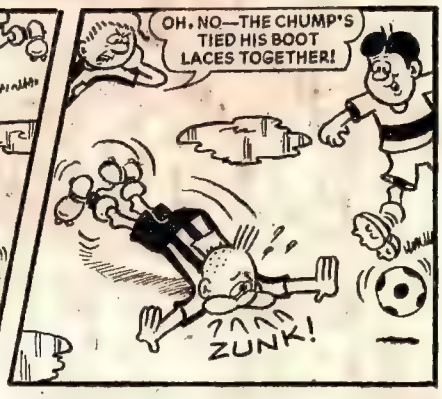
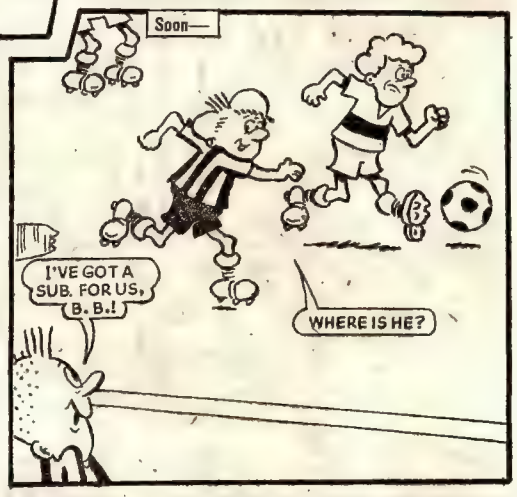
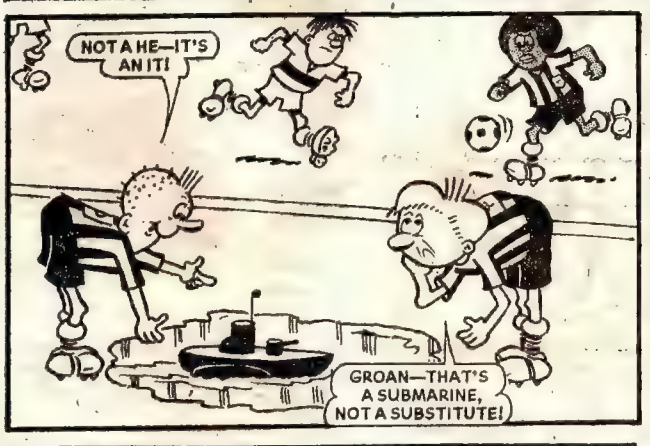
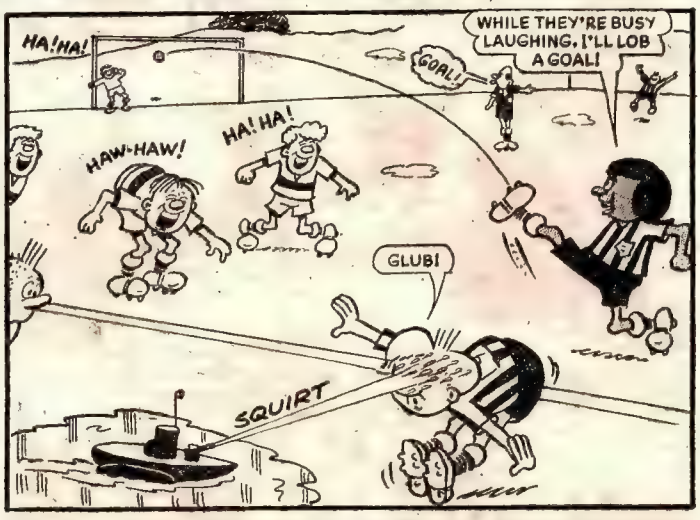
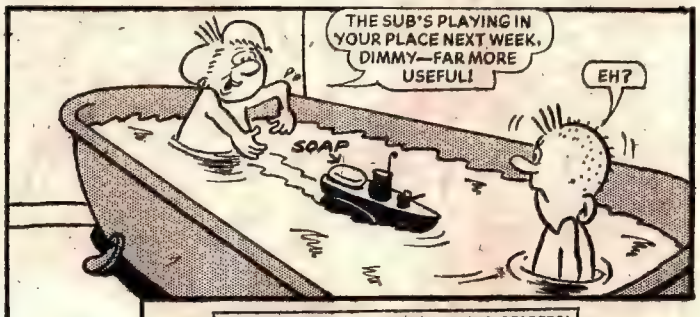
BALL BOY











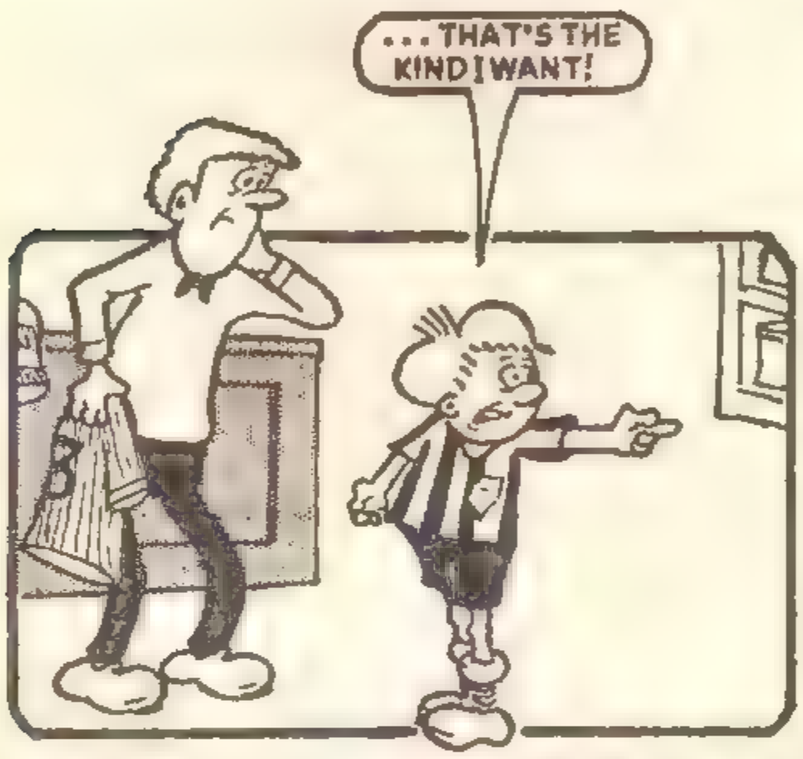
EDITOR'S NOTE:—B. B.'S ONLY JOKING, READERS!

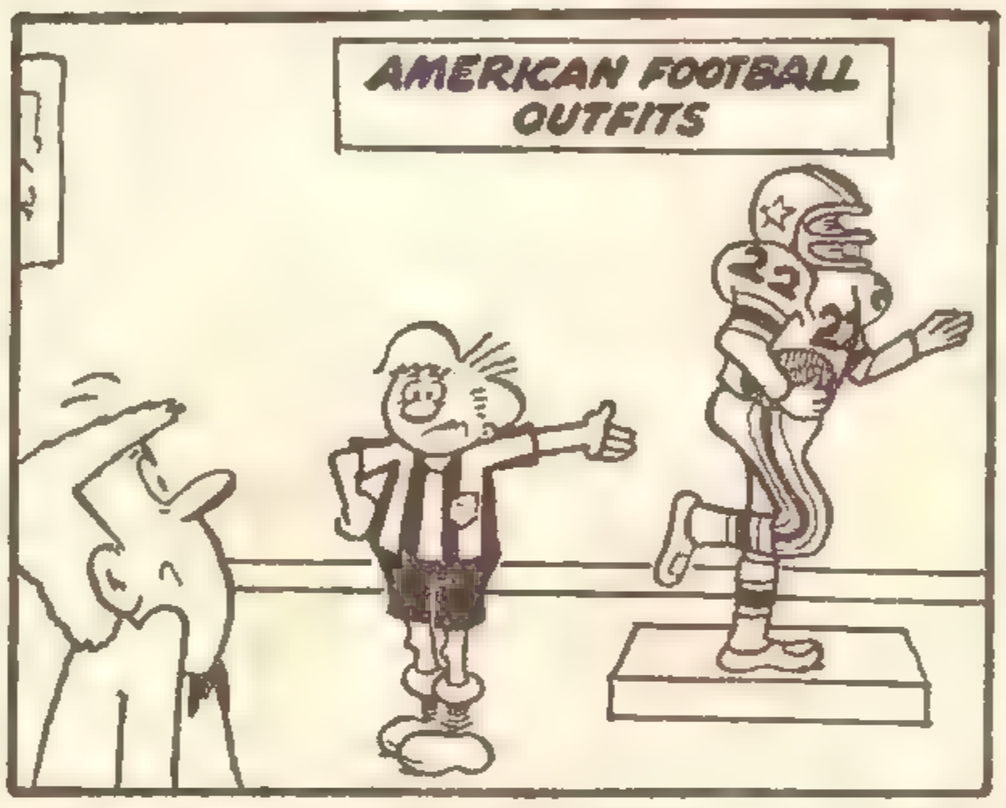
BALL BOY

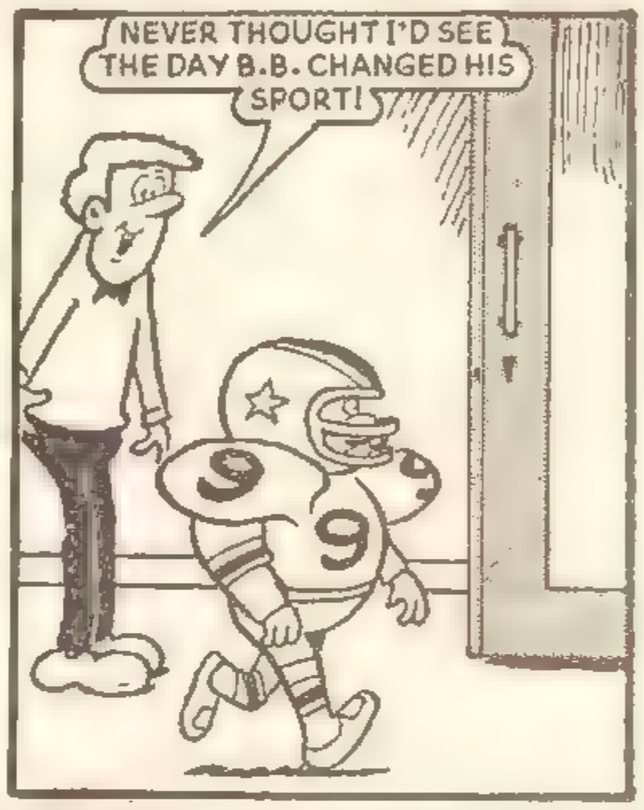
THE SPORTS SHOP
WE STOCK ALL TYPES OF SPORTS WEAR AND EQUIPMENT
OPEN
NERVOUS
I HOPE THEY'VE GOT WHAT I NEED IN HERE.

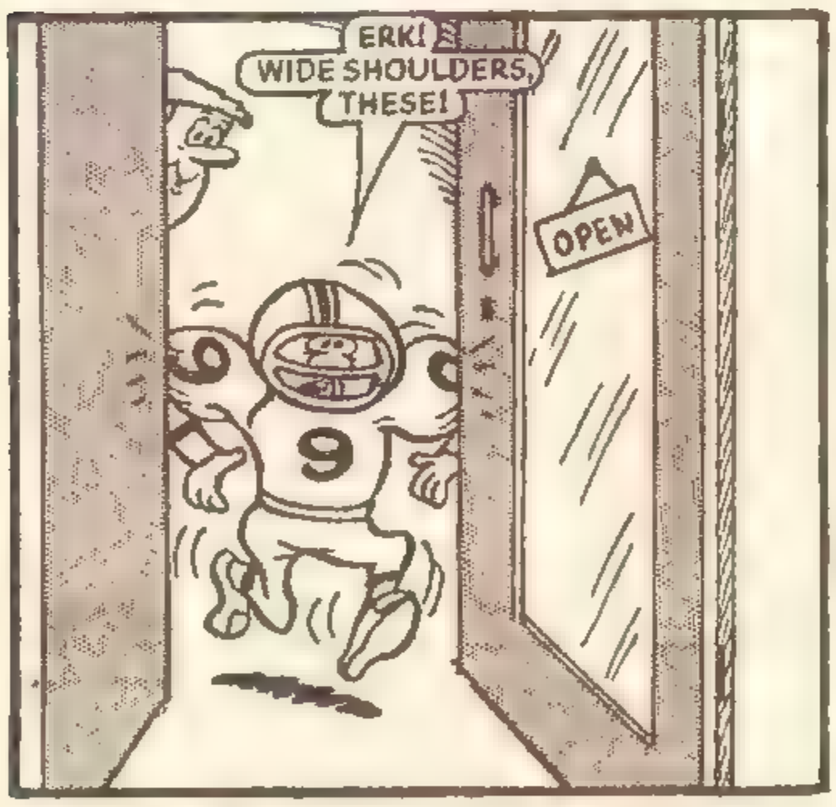
I'D LIKE A COMPLETE FOOTBALL OUTFIT, PLEASE.

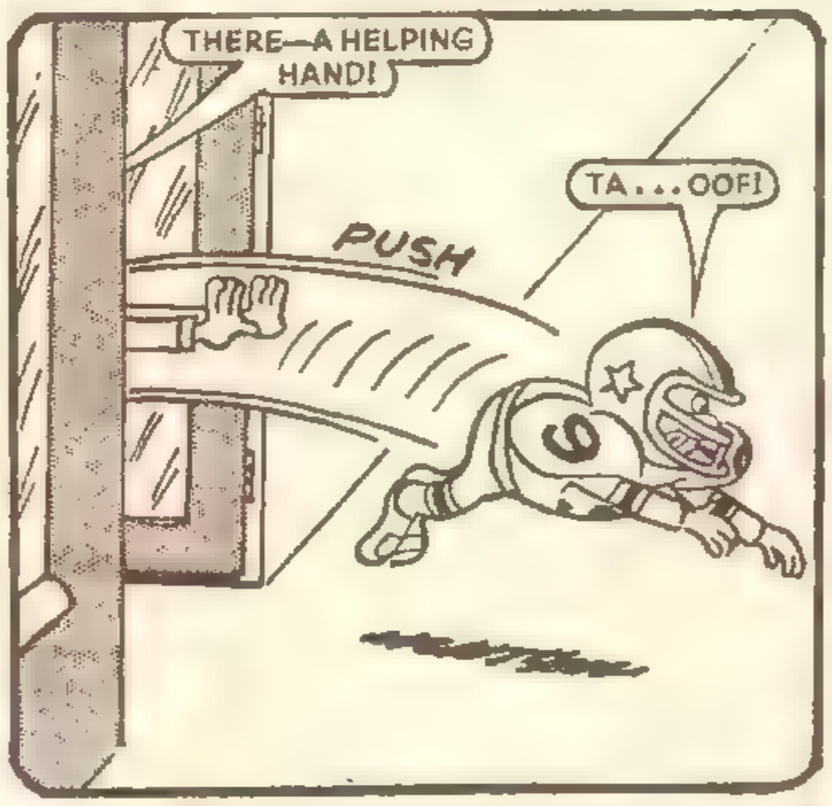
HOW ABOUT THE NEW UNITED STRIP?
NO...


...THAT'S THE KIND I WANT!

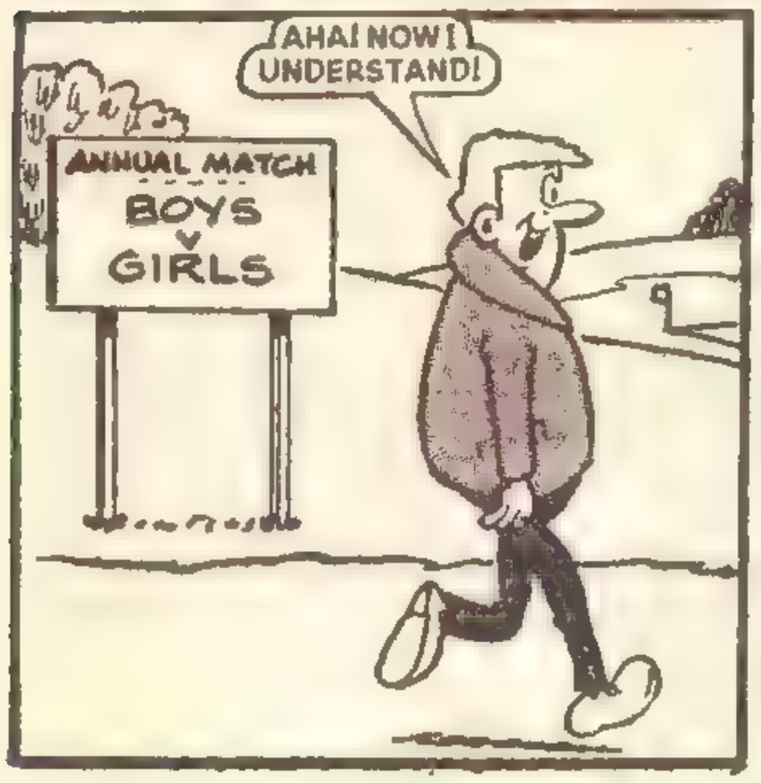

AMERICAN FOOTBALL OUTFITS


NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY B.B. CHANGED HIS SPORT!


ERK! WIDE SHOULDERS, THESE!
OPEN

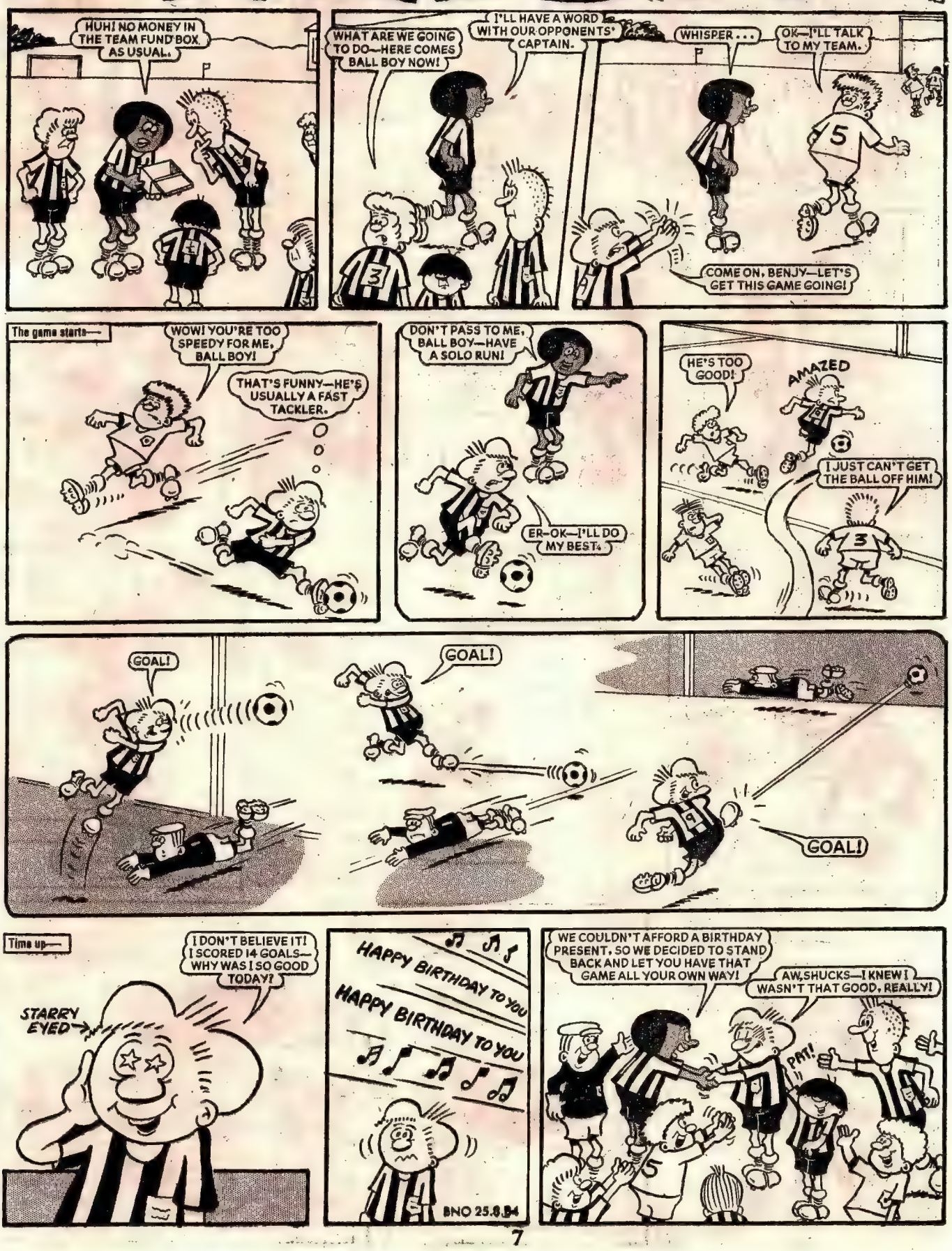

THERE—A HELPING HAND!
TA...OOF!
PUSH

CLOSED
I THINK I'LL GO AND SEE WHY B.B. HAS TAKEN UP AMERICAN FOOTBALL.

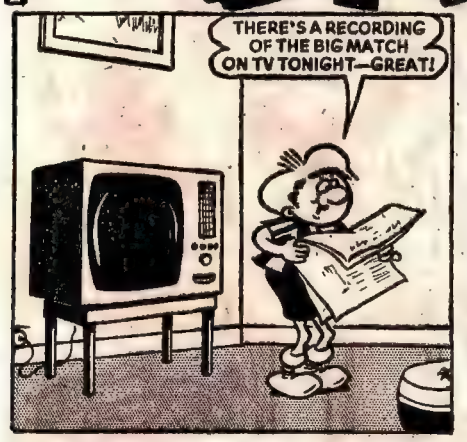

AHA! NOW I UNDERSTAND!
ANNUAL MATCH
BOYS v GIRLS

HAW! HAW! B.B. PULLED BERTHA'S PIGTAILS LAST YEAR —HE NEEDS ALL THE PROTECTION HE CAN GET THIS YEAR!
THUD!
CHARGE
BNO 18.8.84

BALL BOY


HUH! NO MONEY IN THE TEAM FUND BOX, AS USUAL.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO—HERE COMES BALL BOY NOW!
I'LL HAVE A WORD WITH OUR OPPONENTS' CAPTAIN.
WHISPER . . .
OK—I'LL TALK TO MY TEAM.
COME ON, BENJY—LET'S GET THIS GAME GOING!
The game starts—
WOW! YOU'RE TOO SPEEDY FOR ME, BALL BOY!
THAT'S FUNNY—HE'S USUALLY A FAST TACKLER.
DON'T PASS TO ME, BALL BOY—HAVE A SOLO RUN!
ER—OK—I'LL DO MY BEST.
HE'S TOO GOOD!
AMAZED
I JUST CAN'T GET THE BALL OFF HIM!
GOAL!
GOAL!
GOAL!
Time up—
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I SCORED 14 GOALS—WHY WAS I SO GOOD TODAY?
STARRY EYED
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
BNO 25.8.84
WE COULDN'T AFFORD A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, SO WE DECIDED TO STAND BACK AND LET YOU HAVE THAT GAME ALL YOUR OWN WAY!
AW, SHUCKS—I KNEW I WASN'T THAT GOOD, REALLY!
PAT!

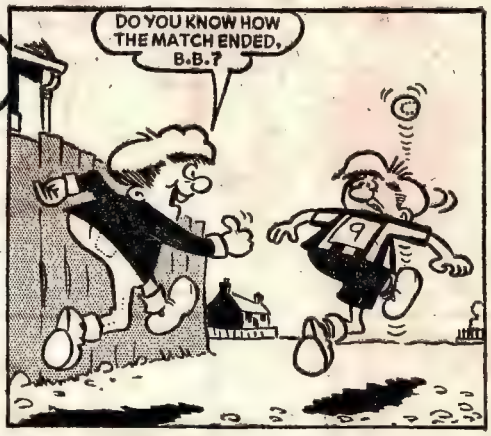
BALL BOY

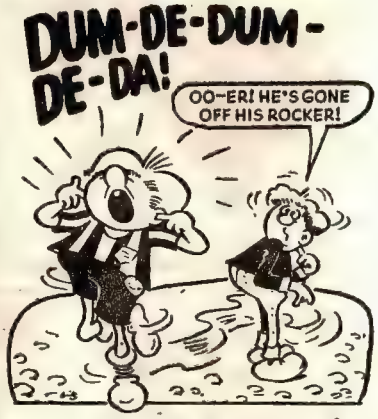

THERE'S A RECORDING OF THE BIG MATCH ON TV TONIGHT—GREAT!

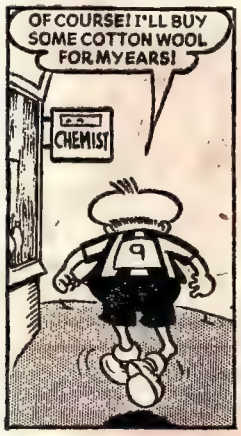
I'LL MAKE SURE I DON'T FIND OUT THE SCORE. THEN IT'LL BE MORE EXCITING TO WATCH.

Later—
LARGE LOLLIES 5P
HEY, B.B., HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST SCORE?

No!
GLURK!


DO YOU KNOW HOW THE MATCH ENDED, B.B.?


DUM-DE-DUM-DE-DA!
OO-ER! HE'S GONE OFF HIS ROCKER!

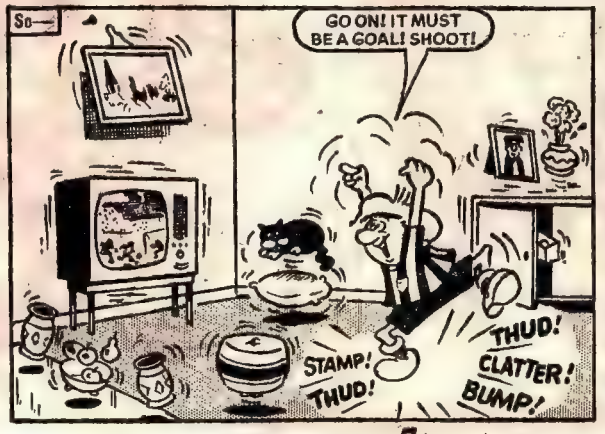

OF COURSE! I'LL BUY SOME COTTON WOOL FOR MY EARS!
CHEMIST

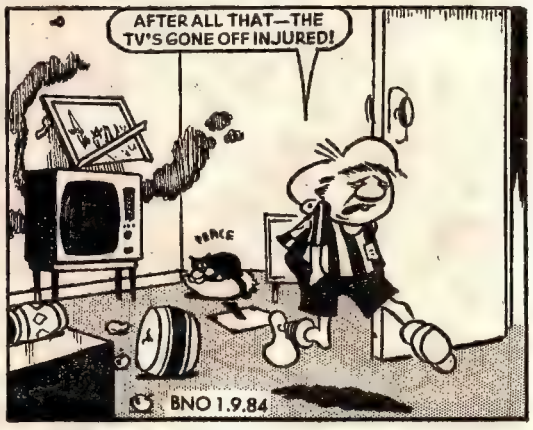
So—
I SAY B.B.— MIND YOU DON'T...
HEH! HEH! CAN'T HEAR A WORD ANYONE'S SAYING!

...FALL DOWN THAT MANHOLE!
EEEEK!

I'VE DECIDED THIS IS THE ONLY SAFE PLACE!

That evening—
HURRAY! TIME FOR THE MATCH, AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO WON!


So—
GO ON! IT MUST BE A GOAL! SHOOT!
STAMP! THUD!
THUD! CLATTER! BUMP!


AFTER ALL THAT—THE TV'S GONE OFF INJURED!
HISS
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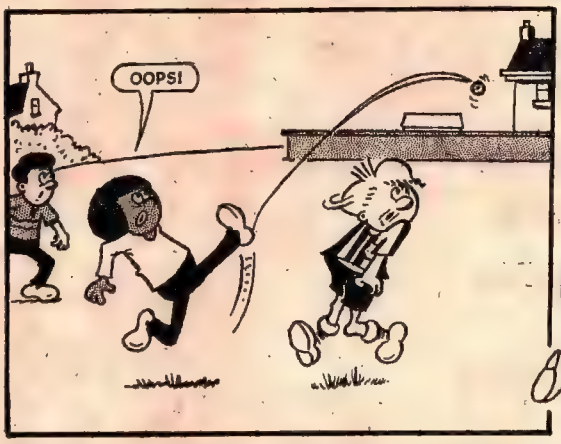
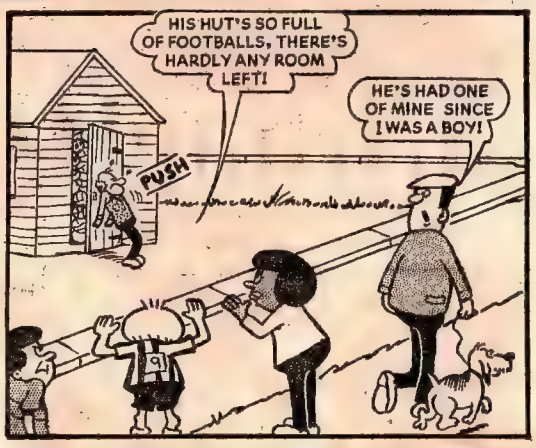
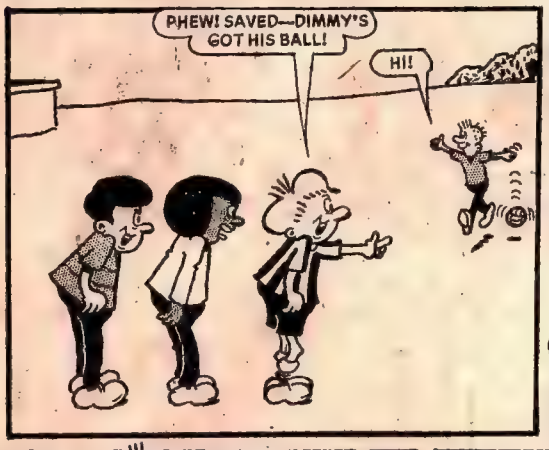
BALL BOY

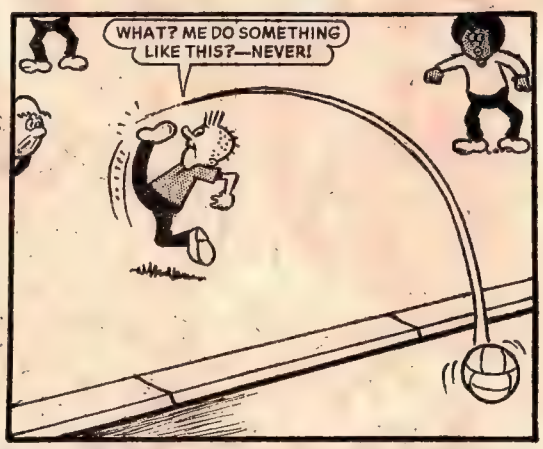

OOPS!

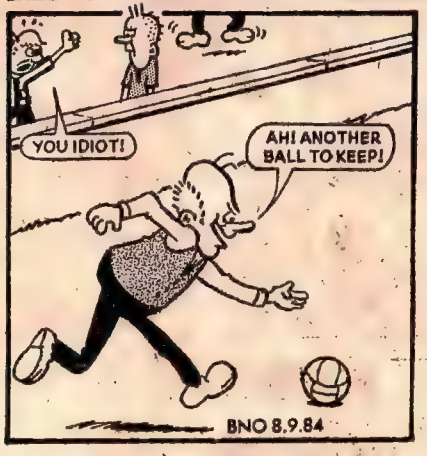
I'M KEEPING THIS!
GROAN! ANOTHER BALL LOST TO GRUMPY GREEN!


HIS HUT'S SO FULL OF FOOTBALLS, THERE'S HARDLY ANY ROOM LEFT!
HE'S HAD ONE OF MINE SINCE I WAS A BOY!
PUSH


PHEW! SAVED—DIMMY'S GOT HIS BALL!
HI!

KEEP IT WELL AWAY FROM GRUMPY GREEN'S, DIMMY—OK?


WHAT? ME DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?—NEVER!


YOU IDIOT!
AH! ANOTHER BALL TO KEEP!
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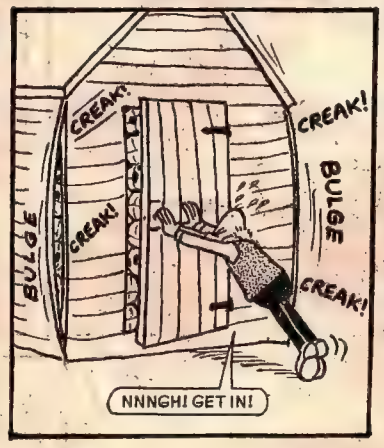
CREAK!
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BULGE
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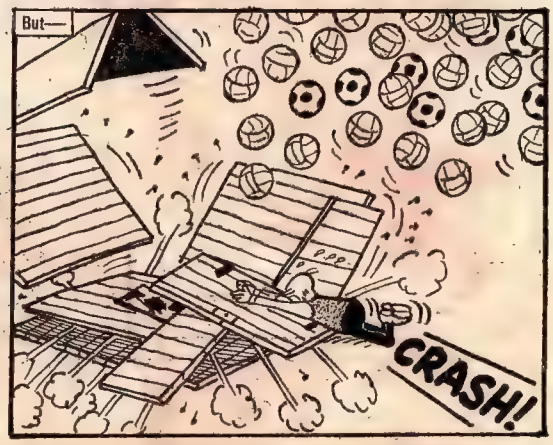
CREAK!
NNNGH! GET IN!


But—
CRASH!

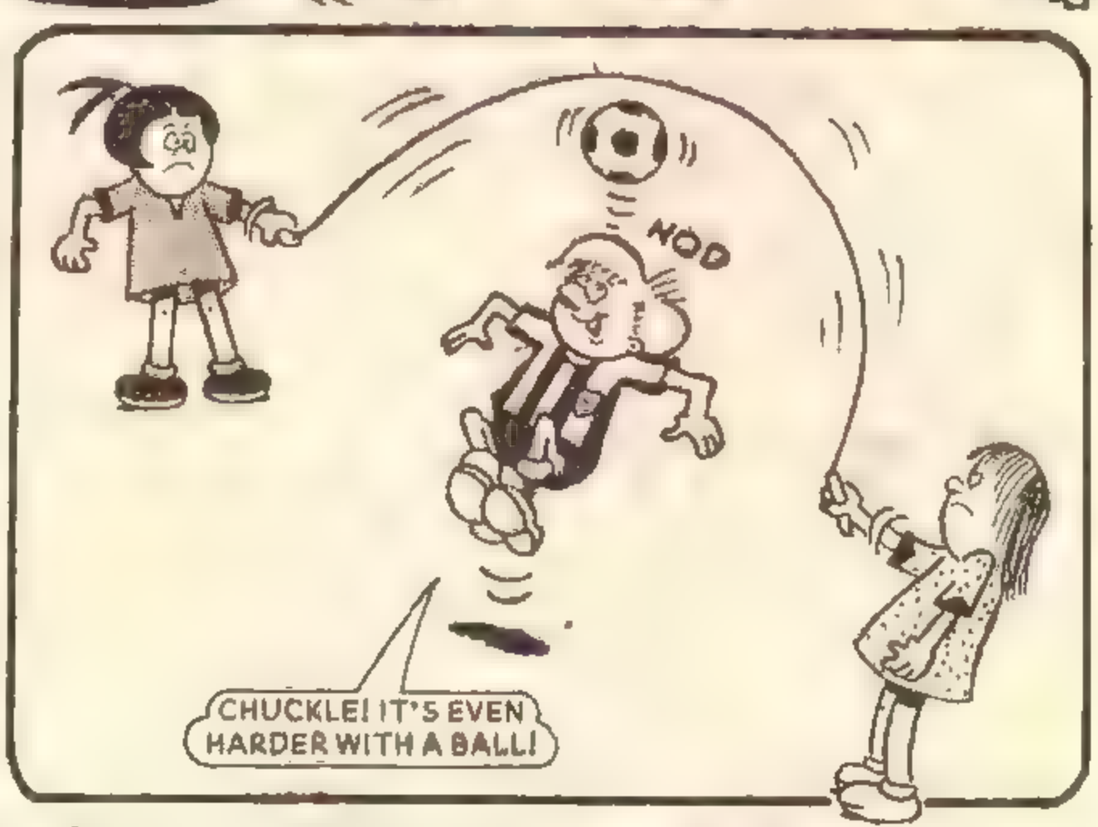
YAHOO! IT'S RAINING FOOTBALLS!

RAGE
BAH! IT TOOK ME 30 YEARS TO COLLECT THOSE!
YOU GENIUS, DIMMY!
GASP! IT'S THE BALL I LOST IN 1954!

BALL BOY

YOU CAN'T BEAT BALL GAMES!

WANT TO PLAY SKIPPING, B.B.?
EH? YES, OK.


NOD
CHUCKLE! IT'S EVEN HARDER WITH A BALL!

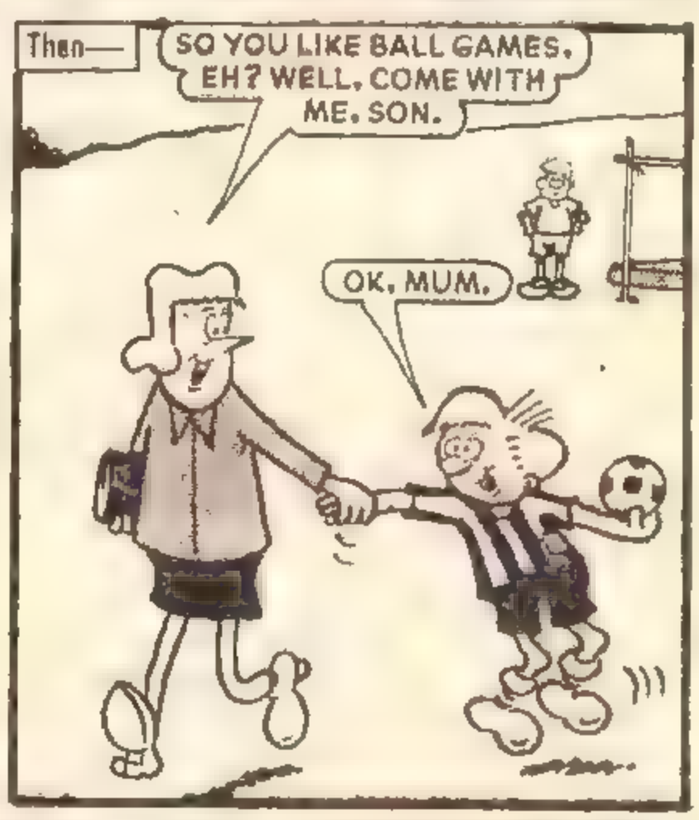
Then—
FANCY A JOG, B.B.?

WHY JUST JOG WHEN YOU CAN TAKE A BALL ALONG WITH YOU?
DRIBBLE

Shortly—
WANT A TRY AT THE HIGH JUMP?
SURE.

AFTER I'VE MADE A SMALL ALTERATION.

THERE—I'VE TURNED THE HIGH JUMP INTO A BALL GAME AS WELL!
HEAD

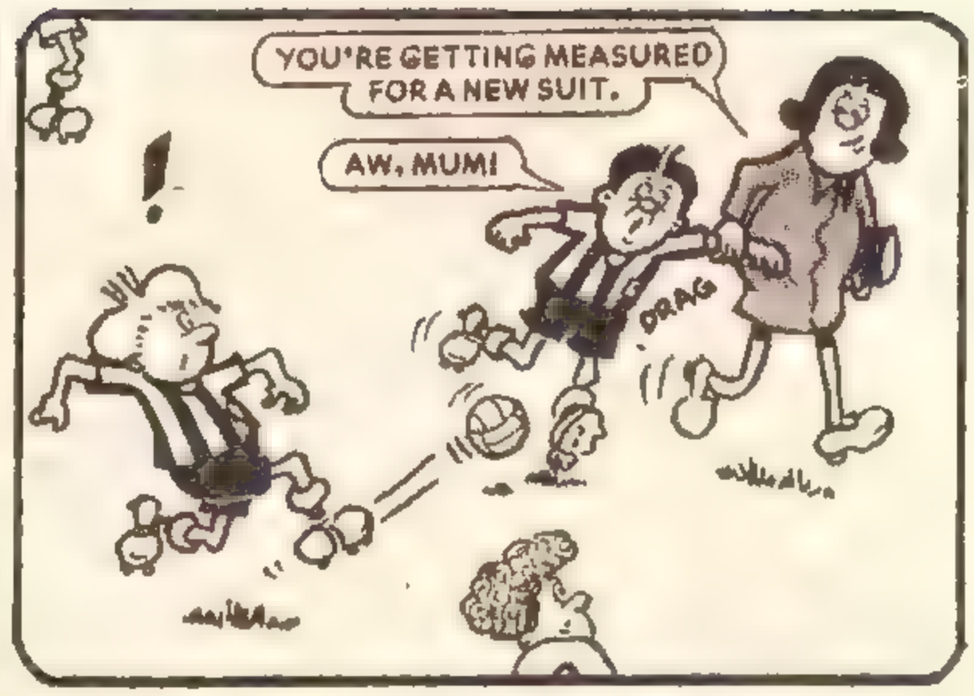

Then—
SO YOU LIKE BALL GAMES, EH? WELL, COME WITH ME, SON.
OK, MUM.

BALL GAMES—IN HERE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LADIES' GUILD
BNO 15.9.84

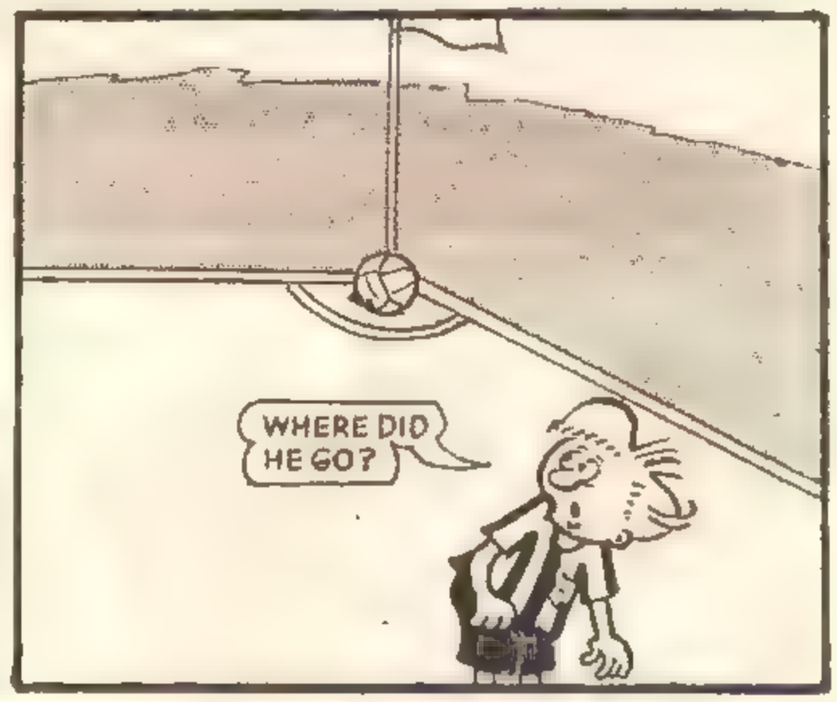
Inside—
8 AND 4—84! HUH! THIS BINGO ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL A BALL GAME!
HEH-HEH! OUR USUAL CALLER'S GOT A SORE THROAT.

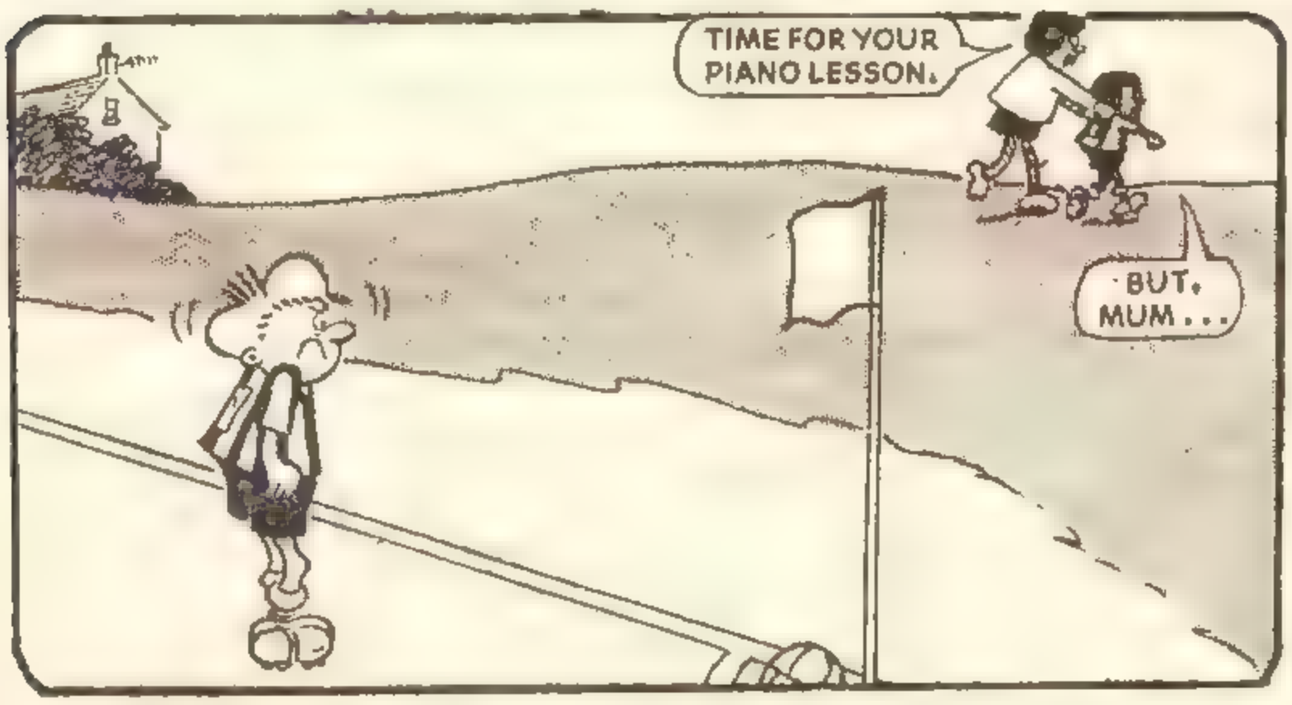
BALL BOY

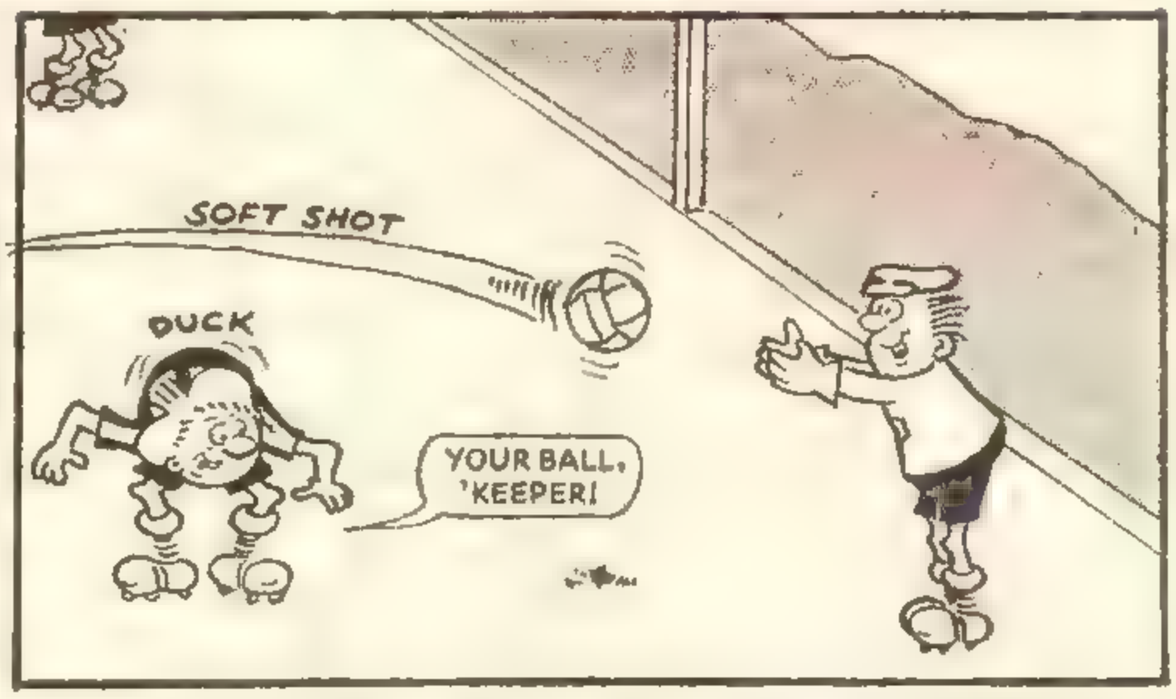
IT'S A GREAT GAME TODAY!
PASS, B.B.!


YOU'RE GETTING MEASURED FOR A NEW SUIT.
AW, MUM!
DRAG

Soon—
MAKE IT A HIGH CORNER, BENJY!


WHERE DID HE GO?

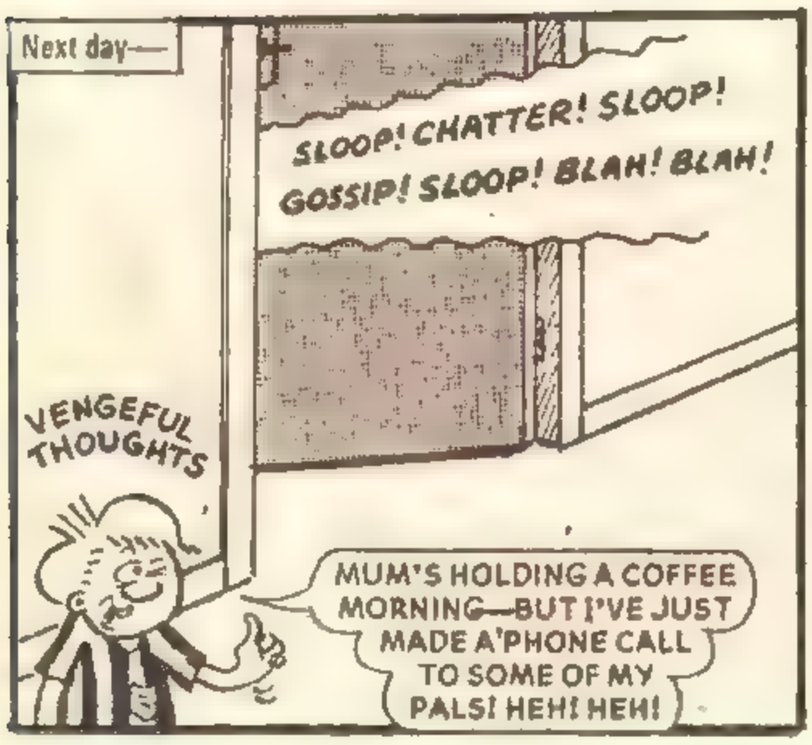

TIME FOR YOUR PIANO LESSON.
BUT, MUM...


SOFT SHOT
DUCK
YOUR BALL, 'KEEPER!

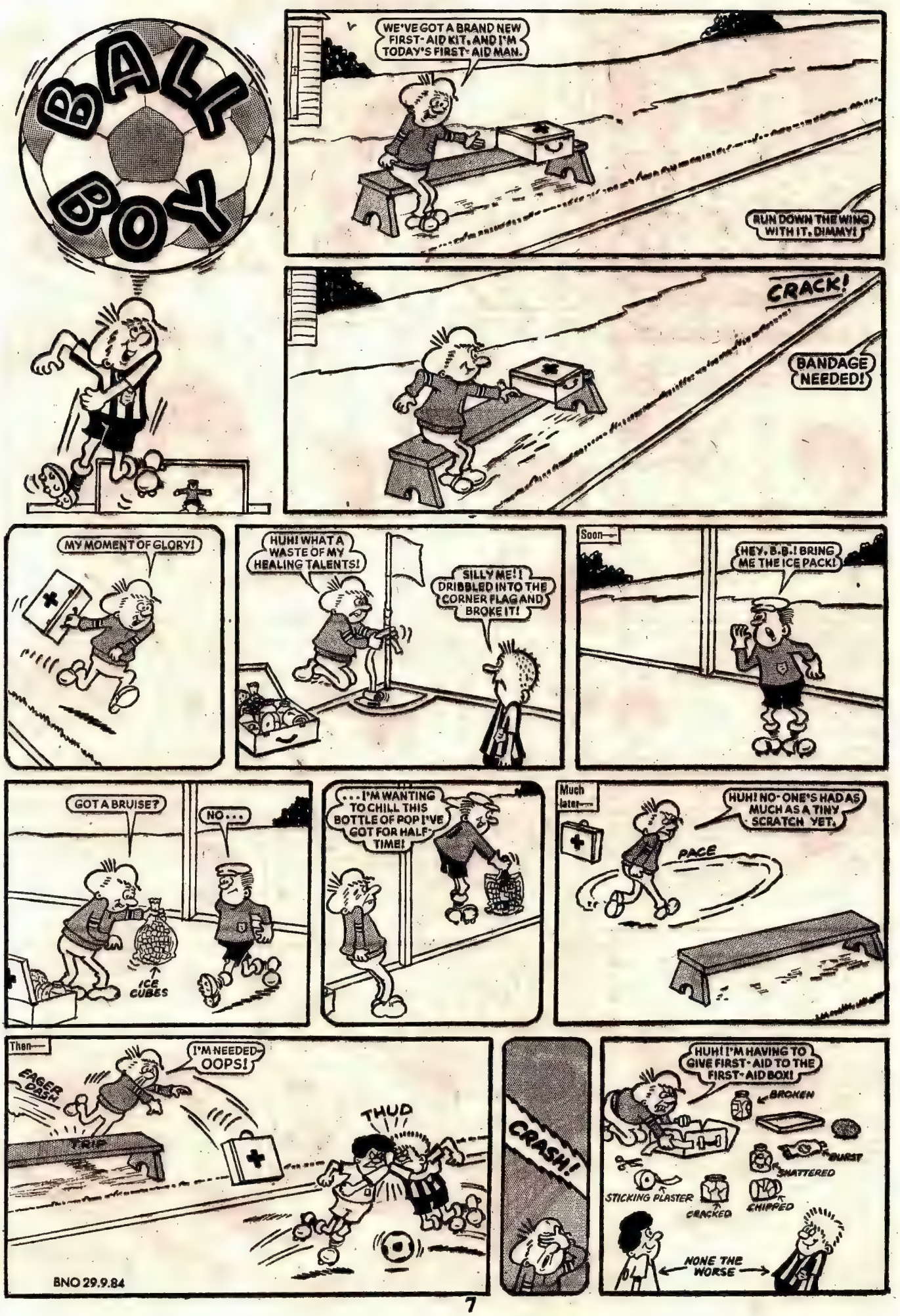
HE'S COMING TO VISIT HIS GRANDAD.

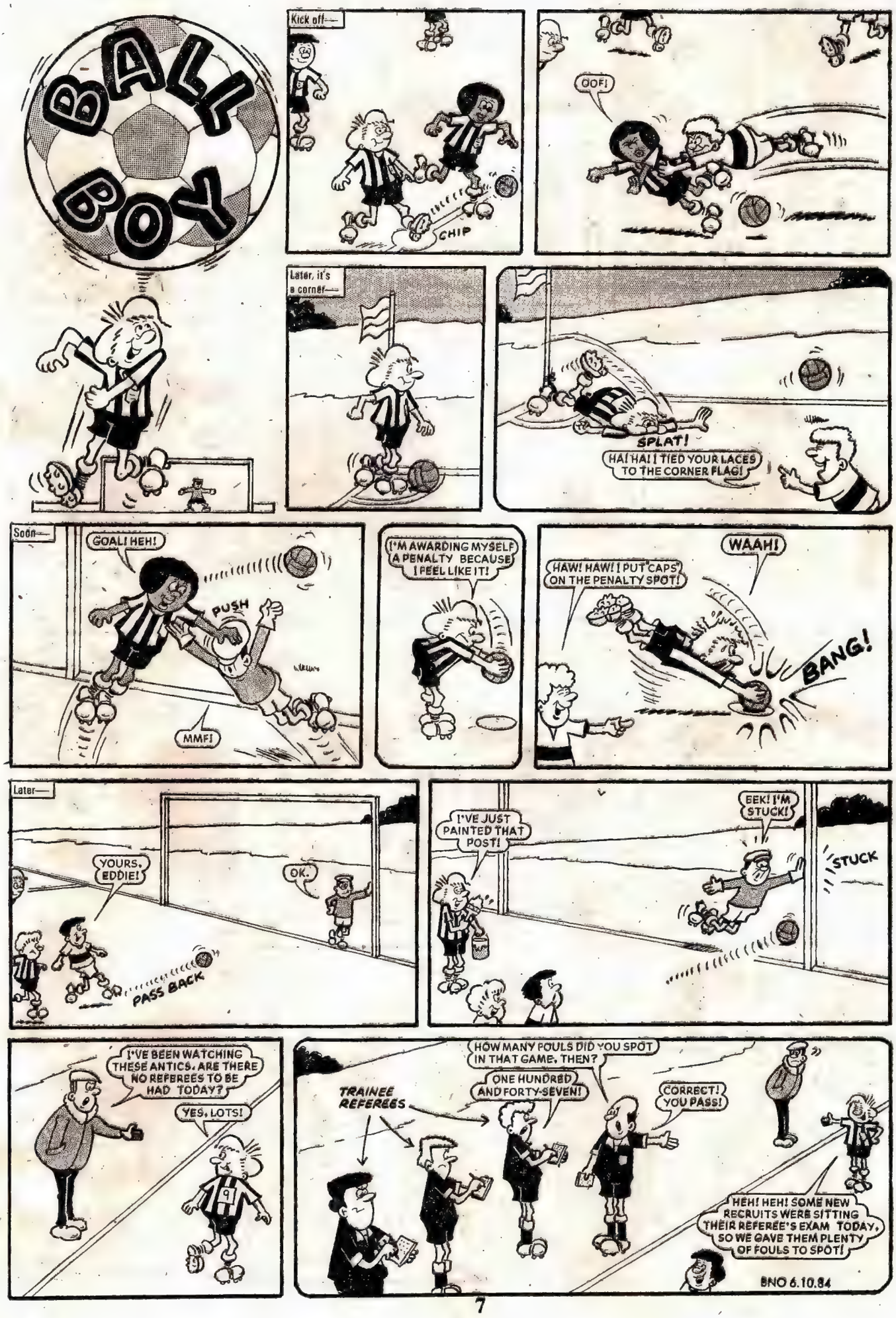
PESKY MUMS!

Then—
YOU'RE COMING ON A PICNIC WITH US.
GROAN! THAT DOES IT!
DRAG
BNO 22.9.84


Next day—
SLOOP! CHATTER! SLOOP! GOSSIP! SLOOP! BLAH! BLAH!
VENGEFUL THOUGHTS
MUM'S HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING—BUT I'VE JUST MADE A 'PHONE CALL TO SOME OF MY PALS! HEH! HEH!

MY SOCKS ARE NEEDING WASHED!
DRAG
THE BUDGIE'S HAD A FUNNY TURN!
DRAG
TIME YOU HAD DAD'S DINNER ON!
DRAG
SIGH! THINK WE'D BETTER LEAVE THEIR GAMES ALONE IN FUTURE!


BALL BOY
WE'VE GOT A BRAND NEW FIRST-AID KIT, AND I'M TODAY'S FIRST-AID MAN.
RUN DOWN THE WING WITH IT, DIMMY!
CRACK!
BANDAGE NEEDED!
MY MOMENT OF GLORY!
HUH! WHAT A WASTE OF MY HEALING TALENTS!
SILLY ME! I DRIBBLED INTO THE CORNER FLAG AND BROKE IT!
Soon—
HEY, B.B.! BRING ME THE ICE PACK!
GOT A BRUISE?
NO...
ICE CUBES
...I'M WANTING TO CHILL THIS BOTTLE OF POP I'VE GOT FOR HALF-TIME!
Much later—
HUH! NO-ONE'S HAD AS MUCH AS A TINY SCRATCH YET.
PACE
Then—
I'M NEEDED-OOPS!
EAGER DASH
TRIP
THUD
BNO 29.9.84
CRASH!
HUH! I'M HAVING TO GIVE FIRST-AID TO THE FIRST-AID BOX!
BROKEN
BURST
SHATTERED
STICKING PLASTER
CRACKED
CHIPPED
NONE THE WORSE

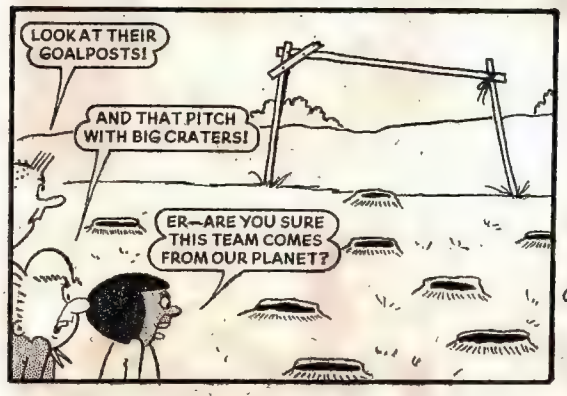

BALL BOY
Kick off—
CHIP
OOF!
Later, it's a corner—
SPLAT!
HA! HA! I TIED YOUR LACES TO THE CORNER FLAG!
Soon—
GOAL! HEH!
PUSH
MMF!
I'M AWARDING MYSELF A PENALTY BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE IT!
HAW! HAW! I PUT CAPS ON THE PENALTY SPOT!
WAAH!
BANG!
Later—
YOURS, EDDIE!
OK.
PASS BACK
I'VE JUST PAINTED THAT POST!
EEK! I'M STUCK!
STUCK
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THESE ANTICS. ARE THERE NO REFEREES TO BE HAD TODAY?
YES, LOTS!
TRAINEE REFEREES
HOW MANY FOULS DID YOU SPOT IN THAT GAME, THEN?
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN!
CORRECT! YOU PASS!
HEH! HEH! SOME NEW RECRUITS WERE SITTING THEIR REFEREE'S EXAM TODAY, SO WE GAVE THEM PLENTY OF FOULS TO SPOT!
BNO 6.10.84

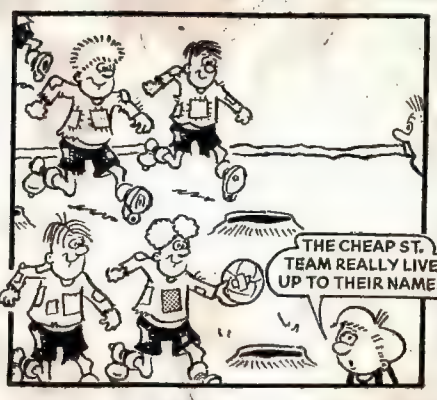
BALL BOY
I DON'T KNOW WHY WE BOTHER WITH THIS TROPHY SHELF—WE HAVEN'T WON A TROPHY FOR AGES!
That day's match—
HUH! THE BALL'S BOUNCING ALL OVER THE PLACE IN THIS BARE GOALMOUTH!
GASP! A FREAK GOAL!
GOAL!
AWKWARD BOUNCE
So—
HUH! NO WONDER I KEEP LOSING DAFT GOALS ON THIS BUMPY PITCH!
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL PAY A QUICK VISIT TO MY DAD'S GREENHOUSE.
I'VE GOT THE LOT—SEEDS, FERTILISER, WATERING CAN.
THAT'S IT—SCATTER THE SEEDS, LADS!
IT SAID ONLY TO USE A DROP OF FERTILISER, BUT I'VE PUT IN THE WHOLE BOTTLE TO GIVE THE SEEDS A GOOD FEED.
BNO 13.10.84
Second half—
LOOK AT IT GROW—GOOD OLD B.B.!
AH! THIS DOWNPOUR SHOULD SPEED UP THE GROWTH.
HELP!
HMM!
JUDGES
NOW I CAN'T SEE!
THE KEEPER
ERK! THE WRONG SORT OF SEEDS, AND TOO MUCH FERTILISER!
AHEM! WE WON A CUP IN OUR TOWN'S ANNUAL FLOWER DISPLAY

BALL BOY

WE'VE GOT AN AWAY GAME WITH CHEAP STREET ROVERS TODAY.
CHEAP STREET ROVERS
B.B.

GASP! LOOK AT THE TINY DRESSING ROOMS!
I'VE SEEN BIGGER KENNELS!
HOME
AWAY
WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ONE AT A TIME!


LOOK AT THEIR GOALPOSTS!
AND THAT PITCH WITH BIG CRATERS!
ER—ARE YOU SURE THIS TEAM COMES FROM OUR PLANET?


THE CHEAP ST. TEAM REALLY LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME!

OH, DEAR! WE'VE FORGOTTEN THE REFEREE! I'LL GO AND GET HIM.

OH, NO! A CARDBOARD CUT-OUT!
WE CAN'T AFFORD A REAL ONE!
BNO 20.10.84

After the game—
YOU CAN GET A SHOWER NOW.
YOU MEAN YOU CAN AFFORD SHOWERS?
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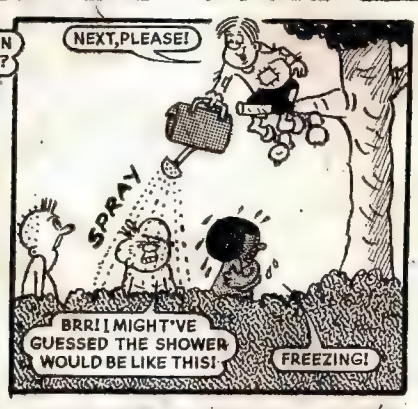
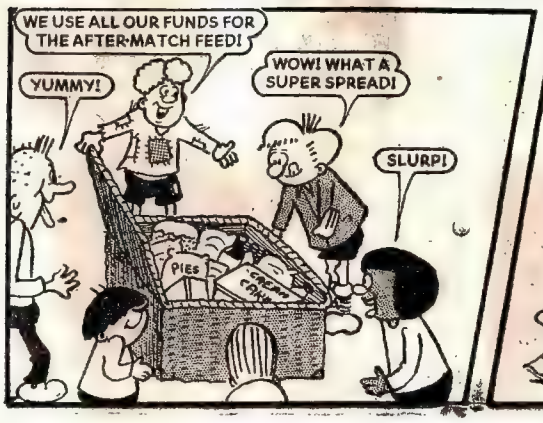
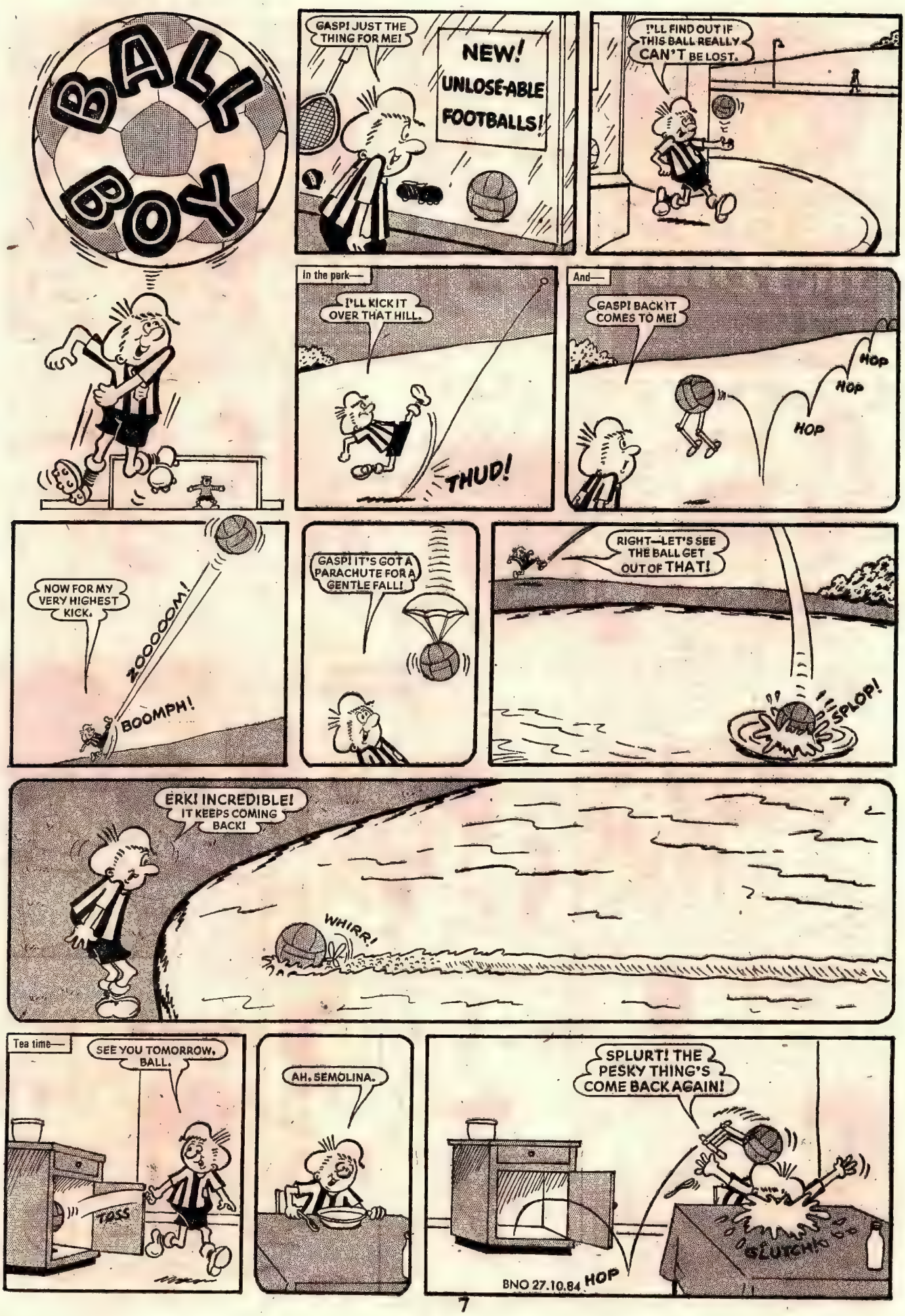

NEXT, PLEASE!
SPRAY
BRR! I MIGHT'VE GUESSED THE SHOWER WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
FREEZING!

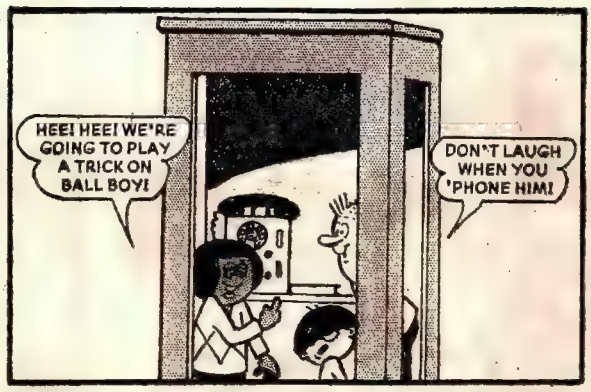
WHY DON'T YOU LOT BUY NEW SOCCER GEAR?
I'LL SHOW YOU.
B.B.


WE USE ALL OUR FUNDS FOR THE AFTER-MATCH FEED!
YUMMY!
WOW! WHAT A SUPER SPREAD!
SLURP!
PIES
CREAM CAKES

HMM! THE REF. HASN'T MUCH OF AN APPETITE!
YIPPEE! THREE CHEERS FOR CHEAP STREET!
CHEW!
CRUNCH!
CHOMP!


BALL BOY
GASP! JUST THE THING FOR ME!
NEW! UNLOSE-ABLE FOOTBALLS!
I'LL FIND OUT IF THIS BALL REALLY CAN'T BE LOST.
In the park—
I'LL KICK IT OVER THAT HILL.
THUD!
And—
GASP! BACK IT COMES TO ME!
HOP
HOP
HOP
NOW FOR MY VERY HIGHEST KICK.
ZOOOOOM!
BOOMPH!
GASP! IT'S GOT A PARACHUTE FOR A GENTLE FALL!
RIGHT—LET'S SEE THE BALL GET OUT OF THAT!
SPLOP!
ERK! INCREDIBLE! IT KEEPS COMING BACK!
WHIRR!
Tea time—
SEE YOU TOMORROW, BALL.
TOSS
AH, SEMOLINA.
SPLURT! THE PESKY THING'S COME BACK AGAIN!
GLUTCH
BNO 27.10.84
HOP

BALL BOY


HEE! HEE! WE'RE GOING TO PLAY A TRICK ON BALL BOY!
DON'T LAUGH WHEN YOU 'PHONE HIM!

Meanwhile—
SIGH! I'VE GOT TO LINE THE PITCH AND PAINT THE GOALPOSTS TODAY.

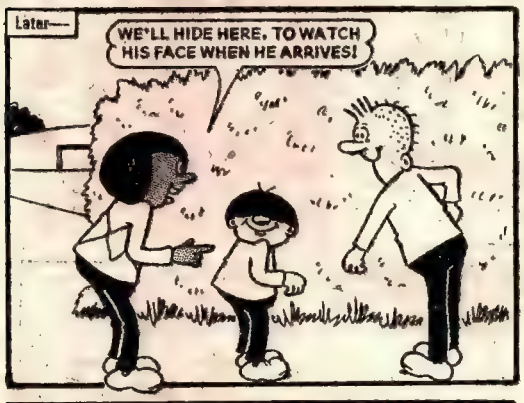
I WONDER WHO'S 'PHONING ME?
TRING! TRING!

HELLO!
THE ENGLAND TEAM ARE PLAYING AT THE TOWN PARK TODAY—AND YOU'RE PICKED FOR THE TEAM!

WOW! ME PLAYING FOR ENGLAND? BOBBY ROBSON MUST'VE SEEN THAT GOAL I SCORED LAST WEEK!

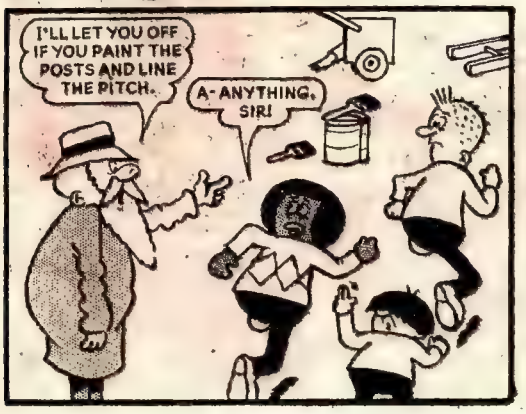
BEEP . . . BEEP . . . BEEP . . . BE THERE FOR THREE O'CLOCK!
ODD—ENGLAND PHONING FROM A PUBLIC CALL BOX!

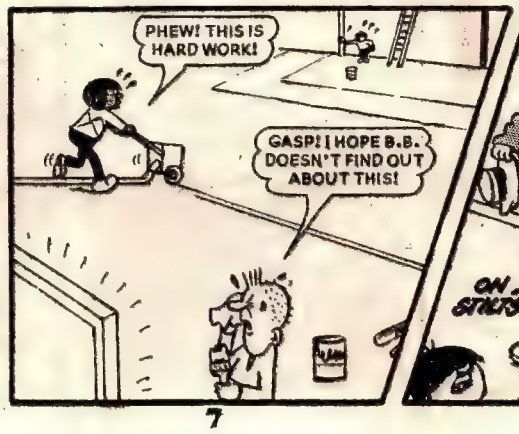
HOO! HOO! HOO! WAIT TILL B.B. TURNS UP, THINKING HE'S TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND!
HAW! HAW! HE BELIEVED US!

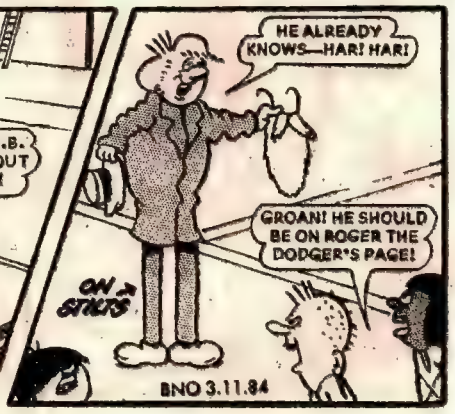

Later—
WE'LL HIDE HERE, TO WATCH HIS FACE WHEN HE ARRIVES!

Then—
AH! GOING TO SPY ON ENGLAND'S GAME, WERE YOU?
G-GULP!

S-SORRY, SIR! WE'RE N-NOT S-SPIES!
GASP! ENGLAND REALLY ARE PLAYING TODAY!


I'LL LET YOU OFF IF YOU PAINT THE POSTS AND LINE THE PITCH.
A-ANYTHING, SIR!


PHEW! THIS IS HARD WORK!
GASP! I HOPE B.B. DOESN'T FIND OUT ABOUT THIS!


HE ALREADY KNOWS—HAR! HAR!
GROAN! HE SHOULD BE ON ROGER THE DODGER'S PAGE!
ON STILTS
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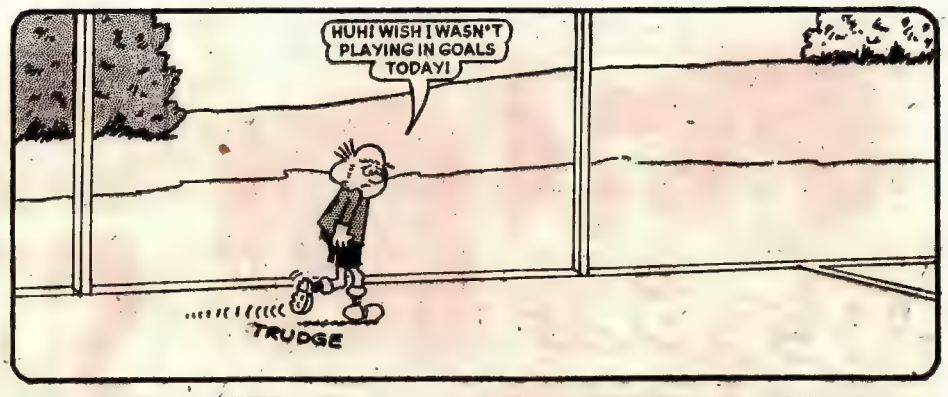
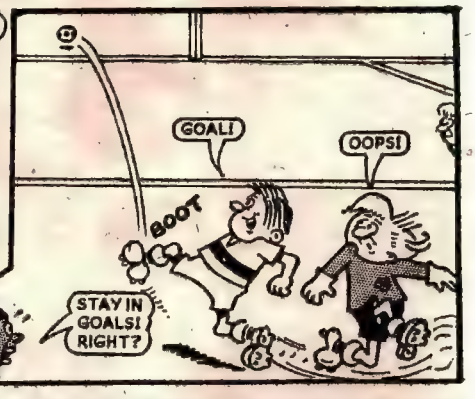
BALL BOY


HUH! WISH I WASN'T PLAYING IN GOALS TODAY!
TRUDGE

I JUST CAN'T CONTAIN MYSELF!
DASH

WHO? HEY! BALL BOY—WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!
SHOVE

THIS IS MUCH MORE FUN!
B.B. HASN'T SEEN ME COMING!
DRIBBLE


GOAL!
OOPS!
BOOT
STAY IN GOALS! RIGHT?

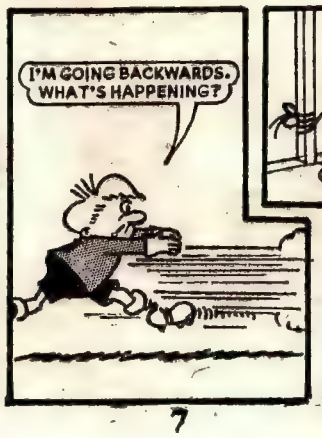
Later—
GROAN! I FEEL LIKE I'M IMPRISONED HERE!

YAHOO! OUR TEAM'S GOT A PENALTY DOWN AT THE OTHER END!

I'LL SLOT THIS AWAY FOR A GOAL!

GROWL! I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN GOALS!
BOOT
CAN'T HELP MYSELF!

Later—
OFF HE GOES AGAIN!
DRIBBLE

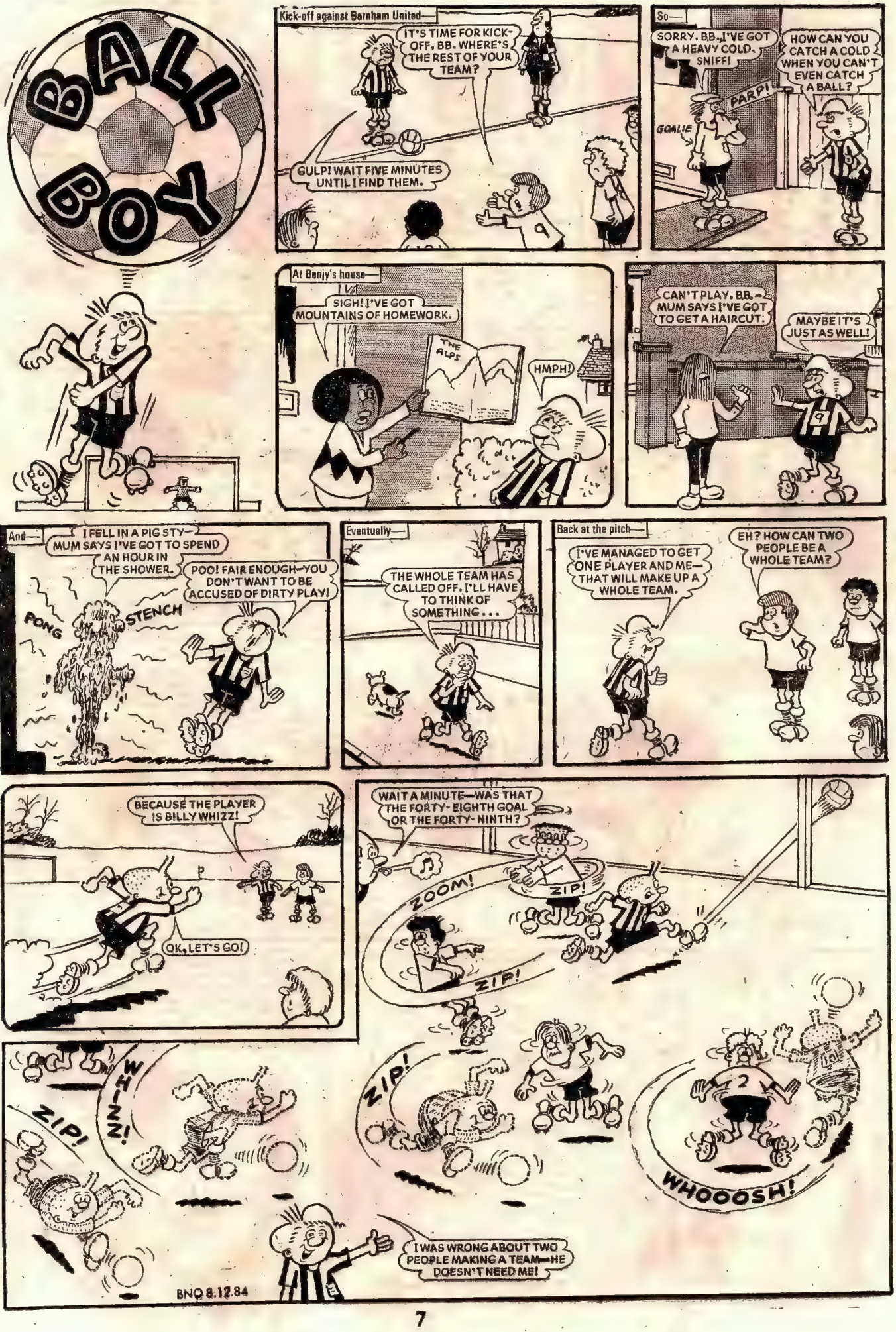

I'M GOING BACKWARDS. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PYOING!
HEHI HEHI HAD TO MAKE SURE HE STAYED IN GOALS SOMEHOW!
BNO 10.11.84
SHORTS ELASTIC

BALL BOY
PLAYING FIELDS
HERE I AM. IN LOADS OF TIME FOR TODAY'S GAME.
HMM! IT'S A GOOD THING, TOO...
Just then, the rest of the team arrive—
COME WITH ME, EDDIE.
WHAT'S B.B. GOT IN MIND?
PLAYING FIELDS
At the swimming pool—
WHAT'S UP, B.B.?
YOU NEED SOME SPECIAL TRAINING.
TRUNKS AND TOWELS FOR HIRE
So—
GO ON. DIVE IN!
OK. IF YOU SAY SO.
WAAH! REMIND ME TO STAND WELL BACK NEXT TIME!
PLUNGE
SPLOSH!
Shortly—
THAT'S BETTER— YOU'RE GETTING THE HANG OF IT.
DIVE
Then—
TRY A JACK-KNIFE OFF THE BOARD NOW.
LEAP
PYIONG!
AND A BACKWARDS DIVE, TOO.
PYIONG!
OK THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH SPECIAL TRAINING.
BNO 17.11.84
BUT WHY DID I NEED IT?
SPLOSH!
BECAUSE THAT'S THE BIGGEST GOALMOUTH PUDDLE I'VE EVER SEEN!

BALL BOY
MUD. U. OK
WOW! THAT MUDCHESTER SUPPORTER IS CERTAINLY DRESSED FOR THE PART!
DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO BUY YOU THAT STUFF.
MUDCHESTER FAN
Back home—
I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE MY OWN SUPPORTER'S OUTFIT. FIRST—A STRIPED HAT . . .
HEY! I'M WEARING THAT TO MY OFFICE DINNER!
SNATCH
Soon—
PSST, READERS! I'VE JUST BEEN ON THE 'PHONE TO RODGER THE DODGER!
JUST ONE SLEEVE NOW.
CLICK! CLICK!
ROGER TOLD ME TO CHANGE MUM'S KNITTING PATTERN!
CLICK! CLICK!
BABY
Much knitting later—
ERK! YOU PEST! AUNT MARTHA'S BABY CAN'T WEAR THIS!
AW! FOUND OUT!
Later—
HUMPH!
KICK!
"O"
WOW!
HAIR DYED IN TEAM'S COLOURS
WHERE IS THAT BOY OF MINE?
G-GASP! WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBOURS THINK?
BNO 24.11.84
IT'S ONLY A WIG, MUM! I BORROWED IT FROM ONE OF MY PALS IN A POP GROUP!
PHEW!
A visit to a sports shop later—
ANYTHING TO SAVE GETTING A FRIGHT LIKE THAT AGAIN!
MUD. U. OK
MMF! I'M NOT COMPLAINING!

BALL BOY
GREAT!
THE BIG MATCH
SORRY, BUT I'M CHANGING OVER TO CHANNEL THREE—I WANT TO WATCH "DALLAS".
AW, MUM!
CLICK!
HUH! WHAT WILL I DO NOW?
YOU'VE TRICKED ME AGAIN, J.R.!
I KNOW! I'LL WATCH THE GAME THROUGH GRUMPY GREY'S WINDOW.
COLD WIND
But—
OO! IT'S COLD OUT HERE!
CHATTER! CHATTER!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE? GRUMPH!
SWISH!
SWISH!
YOU'RE NOT WATCHING MY TV, NOSEY!
ROTTEN OLD GRUMPY!
Later—
YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE!
WHAT A RACKET!
EEK! HORRIBLE SINGING!
GET OFF! YOU'RE SCARING ALL MY CUSTOMERS AWAY!
SPOILSPORT!
THIS IS USELESS—I'LL NEVER SEE THE GAME NOW—TIME TO GO HOME ANYWAY.
Back home—
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THE BIG MATCH, SON?
BUT IT FINISHED AGES AGO!
BNO 1.12.84
DAD CAME HOME WITH A VIDEO-RECORDER WHEN YOU LEFT, AND TAPED THE GAME!
SMASHING!
So—
NOW I CAN WATCH IAN RUSH SCORE HIS HAT-TRICK OVER AND OVER AGAIN!


BALL BOY
Kick-off against Barnham United—
IT'S TIME FOR KICK-OFF, BB. WHERE'S THE REST OF YOUR TEAM?
GULP! WAIT FIVE MINUTES UNTIL I FIND THEM.
So—
SORRY, BB. I'VE GOT A HEAVY COLD. SNIFF!
HOW CAN YOU CATCH A COLD WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH A BALL?
PARP!
GOALIE
At Benjy's house—
SIGH! I'VE GOT MOUNTAINS OF HOMEWORK.
THE ALPS
HMPH!
CAN'T PLAY, BB.— MUM SAYS I'VE GOT TO GET A HAIRCUT.
MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!
And—
I FELL IN A PIG STY— MUM SAYS I'VE GOT TO SPEND AN HOUR IN THE SHOWER.
POO! FAIR ENOUGH—YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF DIRTY PLAY!
PONG
STENCH
Eventually—
THE WHOLE TEAM HAS CALLED OFF. I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING...
Back at the pitch—
I'VE MANAGED TO GET ONE PLAYER AND ME— THAT WILL MAKE UP A WHOLE TEAM.
EH? HOW CAN TWO PEOPLE BE A WHOLE TEAM?
BECAUSE THE PLAYER IS BILLY WHIZZ!
OK, LET'S GO!
WAIT A MINUTE—WAS THAT THE FORTY-EIGHTH GOAL OR THE FORTY-NINTH?
ZOOM!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
WHINN!
WHOOOSH!
I WAS WRONG ABOUT TWO PEOPLE MAKING A TEAM—HE DOESN'T NEED ME!
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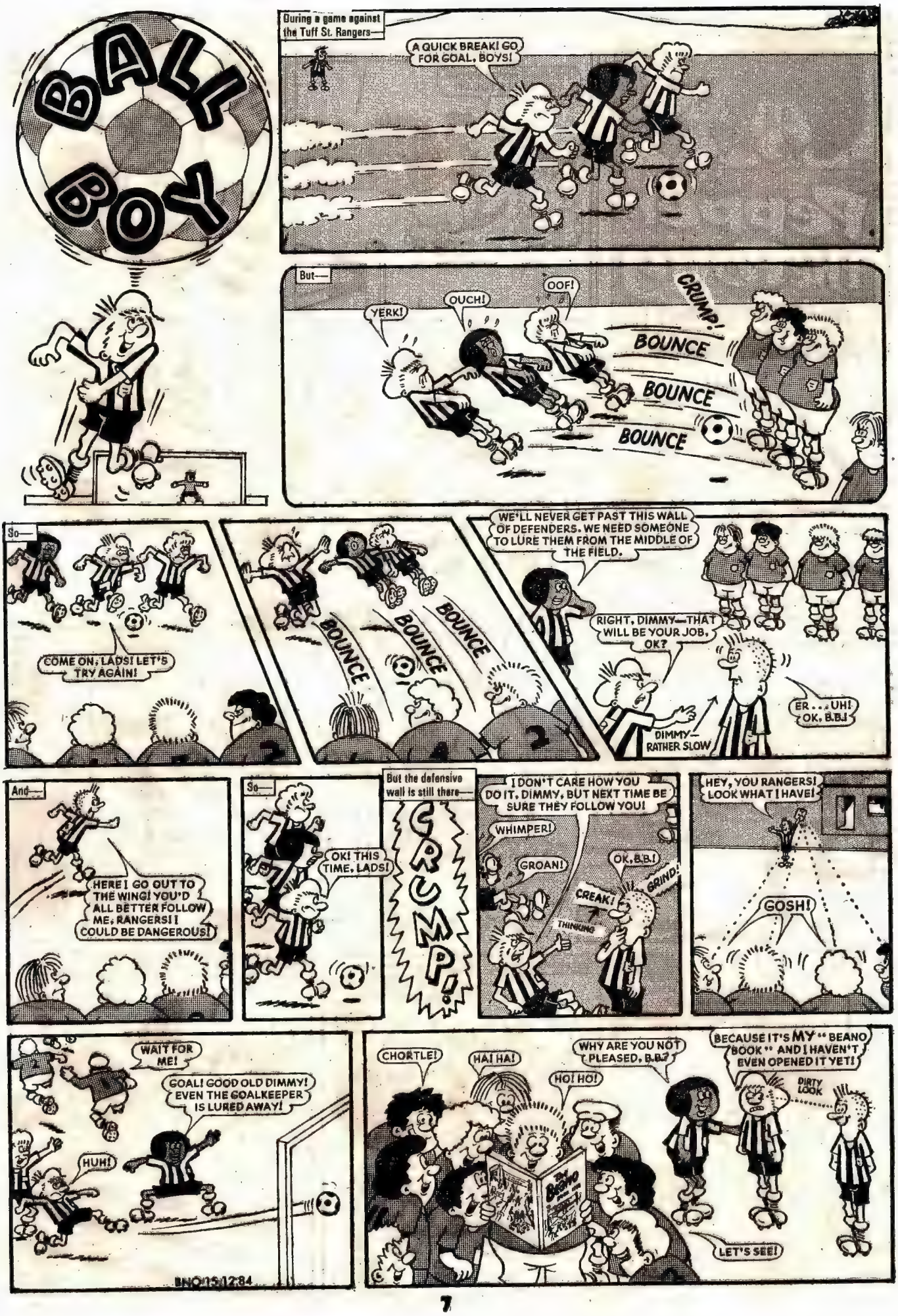
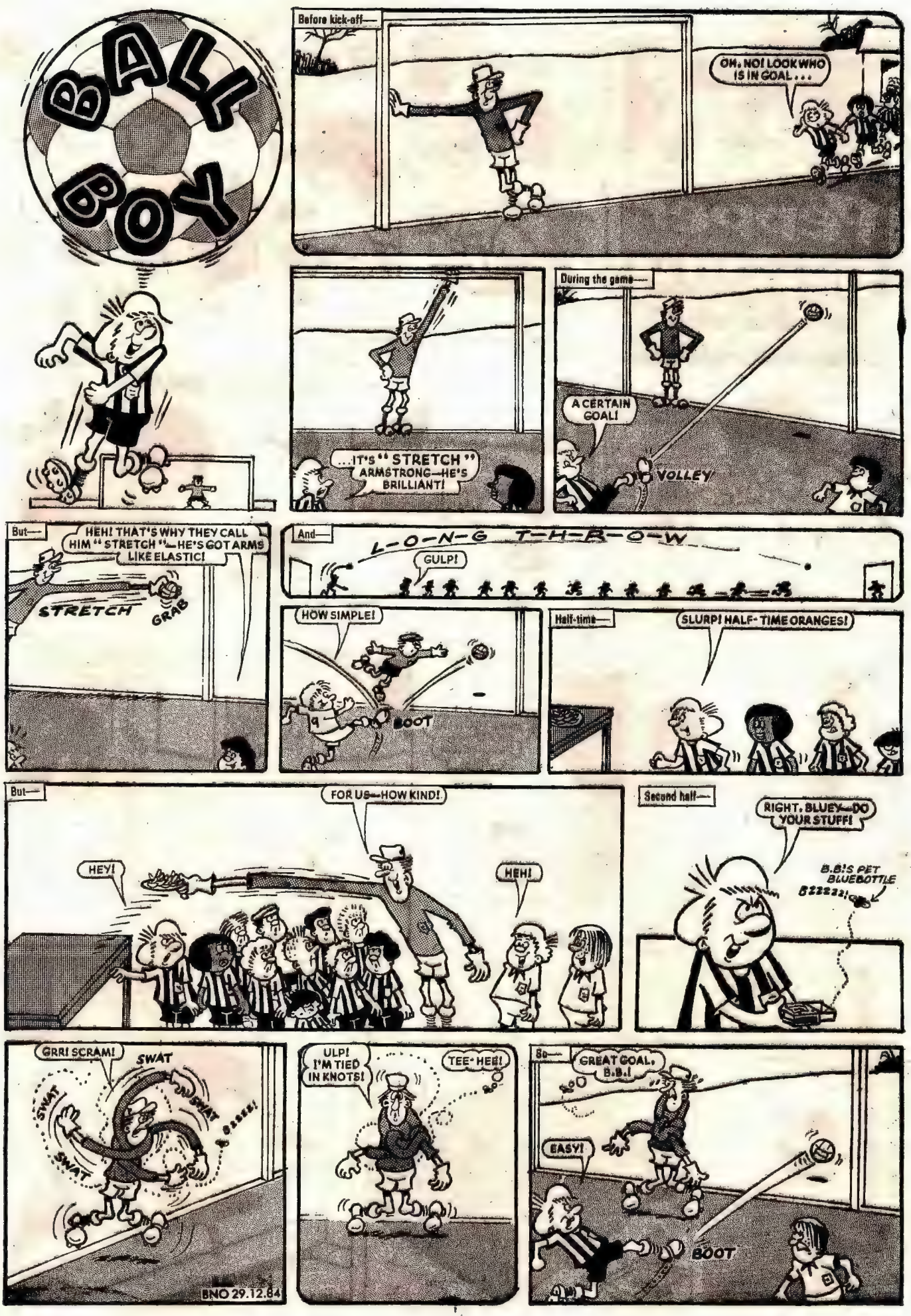

BALL BOY
During a game against the Tuff St. Rangers—
A QUICK BREAK! GO FOR GOAL, BOYS!
But—
YERK!
OUCH!
OOF!
CRUMP!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
So—
COME ON, LADS! LET'S TRY AGAIN!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
WE'LL NEVER GET PAST THIS WALL OF DEFENDERS. WE NEED SOMEONE TO LURE THEM FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD.
RIGHT, DIMMY—THAT WILL BE YOUR JOB, OK?
DIMMY—RATHER SLOW
ER . . . UH! OK, B.B.!
And—
HERE! GO OUT TO THE WING! YOU'D ALL BETTER FOLLOW ME, RANGERS! I COULD BE DANGEROUS!
So—
OK! THIS TIME, LADS!
But the defensive wall is still there—
CRUMP!
I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, DIMMY, BUT NEXT TIME BE SURE THEY FOLLOW YOU!
WHIMPER!
GROAN!
OK, B.B.!
CREAK!
GRIND!
THINKING
HEY, YOU RANGERS! LOOK WHAT I HAVE!
GOSH!
WAIT FOR ME!
GOAL! GOOD OLD DIMMY! EVEN THE GOALKEEPER IS LURED AWAY!
HUH!
BNO 15.12.84
CHORTLE!
HA! HA!
HO! HO!
WHY ARE YOU NOT PLEASED, B.B.?
BECAUSE IT'S MY "BEANO BOOK" AND I HAVEN'T EVEN OPENED IT YET!
DIRTY LOOK
LET'S SEE!


BALL BOY
Before kick-off—
OH, NO! LOOK WHO IS IN GOAL...
...IT'S "STRETCH" ARMSTRONG—HE'S BRILLIANT!
During the game—
A CERTAIN GOAL!
VOLLEY
But—
HEH! THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM "STRETCH"—HE'S GOT ARMS LIKE ELASTIC!
STRETCH
GRAB
And—
L-O-N-G T-H-R-O-W
GULP!
HOW SIMPLE!
BOOT
Half-time—
SLURP! HALF-TIME ORANGES!
But—
FOR US—HOW KIND!
HEY!
HEH!
Second half—
RIGHT, BLUEY—DO YOUR STUFF!
B.B.'S PET BLUEBOTTLE
BZZZZZ!
GRR! SCRAM!
SWAT
SWAT
SWAT
SWAT
BZZZZ!
BNO 29.12.84
ULP! I'M TIED IN KNOTS!
TEE-HEE!
So—
GREAT GOAL, B.B.!
EASY!
BOOT

BALL BOY
SO SORRY!
YEEEOUCH! MY SHIN!
SLIDE!
WHAT YOU NEED IS A PAIR OF SHIN-PADS, SONNY.
OH, AH, OW, EE!
RUB! RUB! RUB!
But—
I CAN'T AFFORD THAT! MUST THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!
SHIN PADS £1·50 PER PAIR
Later—
HEY! THERE WERE SIX NEW WRITING PADS IN HERE THIS MORNING!
CHUCKLE! THESE ARE REAL SHIN "PADS"
STUFF! STUFF!
Back at the game—
I'M WELL PROTECTED NOW!
SPLISH!
SPLISH!
SPLASH!
But, by half-time—
HA! HA!
YEEOUCH!
SOGGY PULPY MESS
HEH! HEH!
THEY'LL HAVE WHAT I WANT IN HERE.
MUSEUM
BE SURE TO BRING THAT LEG ARMOUR BACK—IT BELONGS TO THE WHITE KNIGHT'S BEST SUNDAY SUIT.
OK!
AAAGH! MY TOE!
THIS ARMOUR'S GREAT! I DIDN'T FEEL A THING!
CLANG!
BNO 5.1.85
The score is 2-2 with seconds to go—
QUICK! NIP IN AND SCORE, BALL BOY!
STUCK!
FAST AS A SNAIL
THESE ARE GOOD SHIN-PADS, BUT THEY AREN'T HALF HEAVY!
BAH! NOW I'VE GOT TO "SHIN" UP THIS DRAINPIPE FOR SAFETY!
BAH! IT WAS FULL-TIME BEFORE HE REACHED THE BALL!
WE COULD HAVE WON!

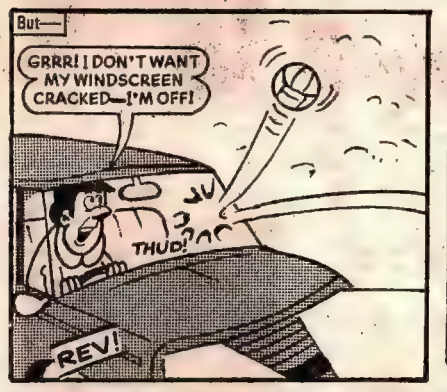
BALL BOY

Ball Boy and Eddie are having a kick-about—
GETTING A BIT DARK, EDDIE!

Soon—
ERK! IT'S SO DARK WE CAN'T FIND THE BALL.
HERE IT IS—OUCH!—NO, THAT WAS A STONE!
STUB

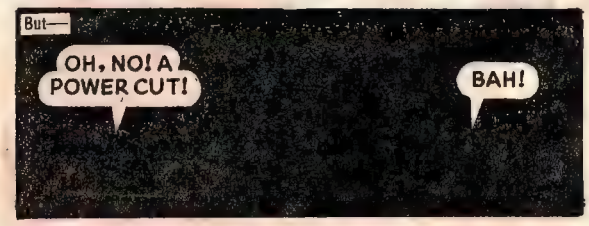
Then—
HOI! DAD! SHINE THE HEADLAMPS ONTO THE PITCH, PLEASE.

GREAT! THANKS, DAD!


But—
GRRR! I DON'T WANT MY WINDSCREEN CRACKED—I'M OFF!
THUD!
REV!

I KNOW! WE CAN PLAY ON MY INDOOR TABLE FOOTBALL GAME!
OK!

Indoors—
YOU FLIP THE COIN WITH YOUR THUMB TO HIT THE BALL. OK?
RIGHT, LET'S GO!


But—
OH, NO! A POWER CUT!
BAH!

WE'LL TAKE THE GAME ROUND TO SWOTTY SIMPKIN'S HOUSE.
DON'T BE DAFT, B-B. SWOTTY'S HOUSE WILL HAVE A POWER CUT, TOO! BESIDES, HE ISN'T EVEN INTERESTED IN FOOTBALL!

I KNOW—BUT I WANT TO SEE ONE OF HIS COLLECTIONS...
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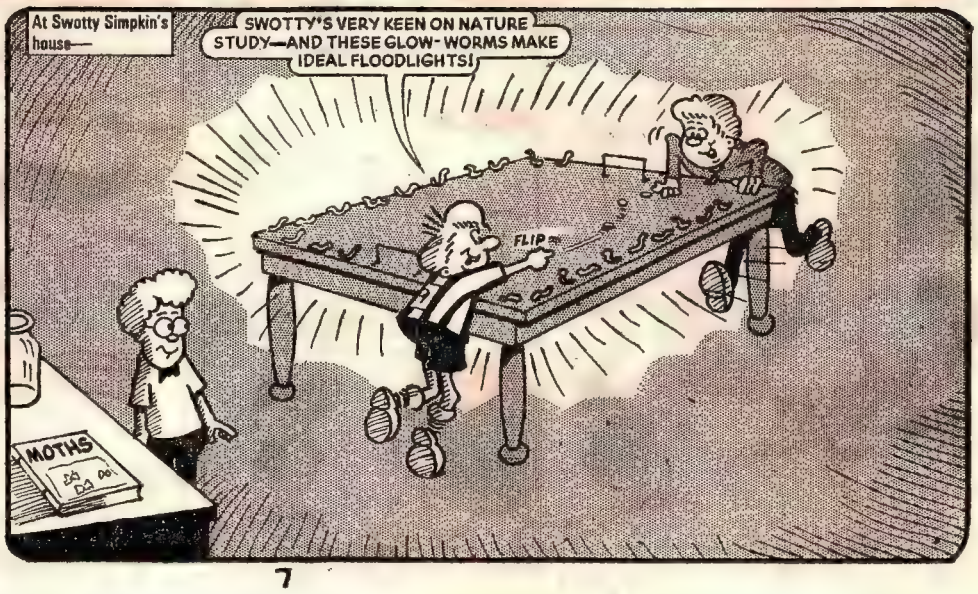
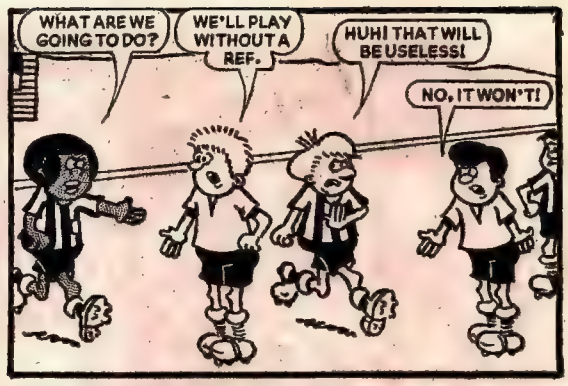

At Swotty Simpkin's house—
SWOTTY'S VERY KEEN ON NATURE STUDY—AND THESE GLOW-WORMS MAKE IDEAL FLOODLIGHTS!
FLIP
MOTHS

BALL BOY

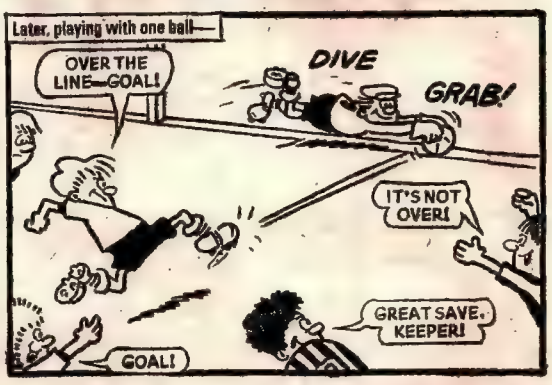
REFEREE
BAH! THE REF HASN'T TURNED UP YET.

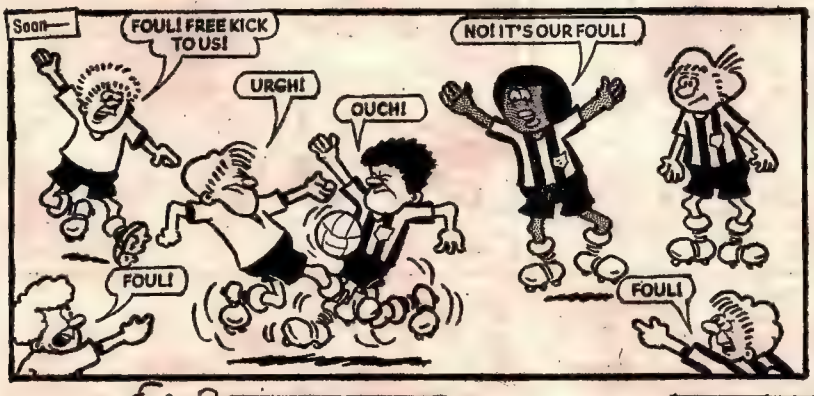

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WE'LL PLAY WITHOUT A REF.
HUH! THAT WILL BE USELESS!
NO, IT WON'T!

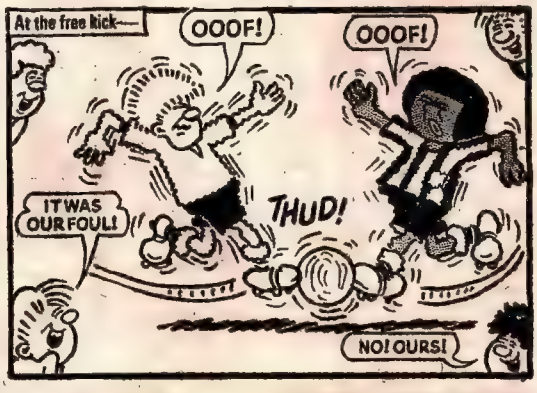
Kick-off—
WE'LL PLAY WITH OUR BALL!
NO! OUR BALL IS BETTER!
WE'LL TOSS FOR IT!

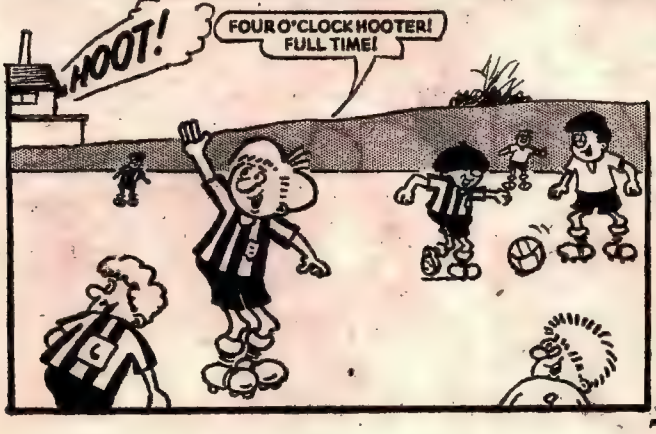
HEADS!
SIGH!
HEADS!
CLINK!

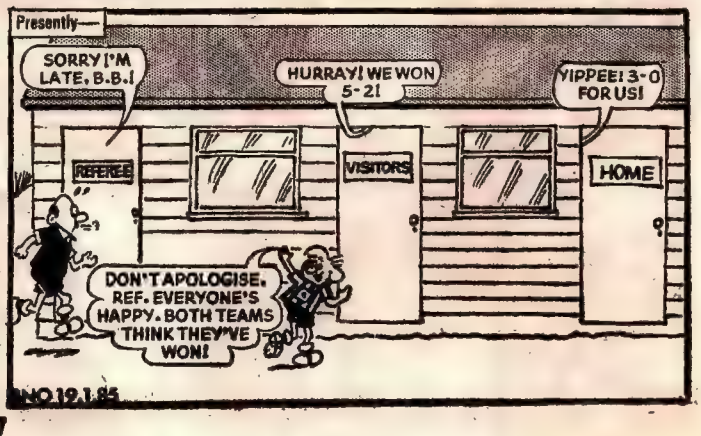
OUR KICK-OFF!
GROAN! I'LL BOOT ONE BALL OFF THE PITCH FIRST CHANCE I GET!
OUR KICK-OFF!


Later, playing with one ball—
OVER THE LINE—GOAL!
DIVE
GRAB!
IT'S NOT OVER!
GREAT SAVE, KEEPER!
GOAL!


Soon—
FOUL! FREE KICK TO US!
URGH!
OUCH!
NO! IT'S OUR FOUL!
FOUL!
FOUL!


At the free kick—
OOOF!
OOOF!
THUD!
IT WAS OUR FOUL!
NO! OURS!


HOOT!
FOUR O'CLOCK HOOTER! FULL TIME!


Presently—
SORRY I'M LATE, B.B.!
HURRAY! WE WON 5-2!
YIPPEE! 3-0 FOR US!
REFEREE
VISITORS
HOME
DON'T APOLOGISE, REF. EVERYONE'S HAPPY. BOTH TEAMS THINK THEY'VE WON!
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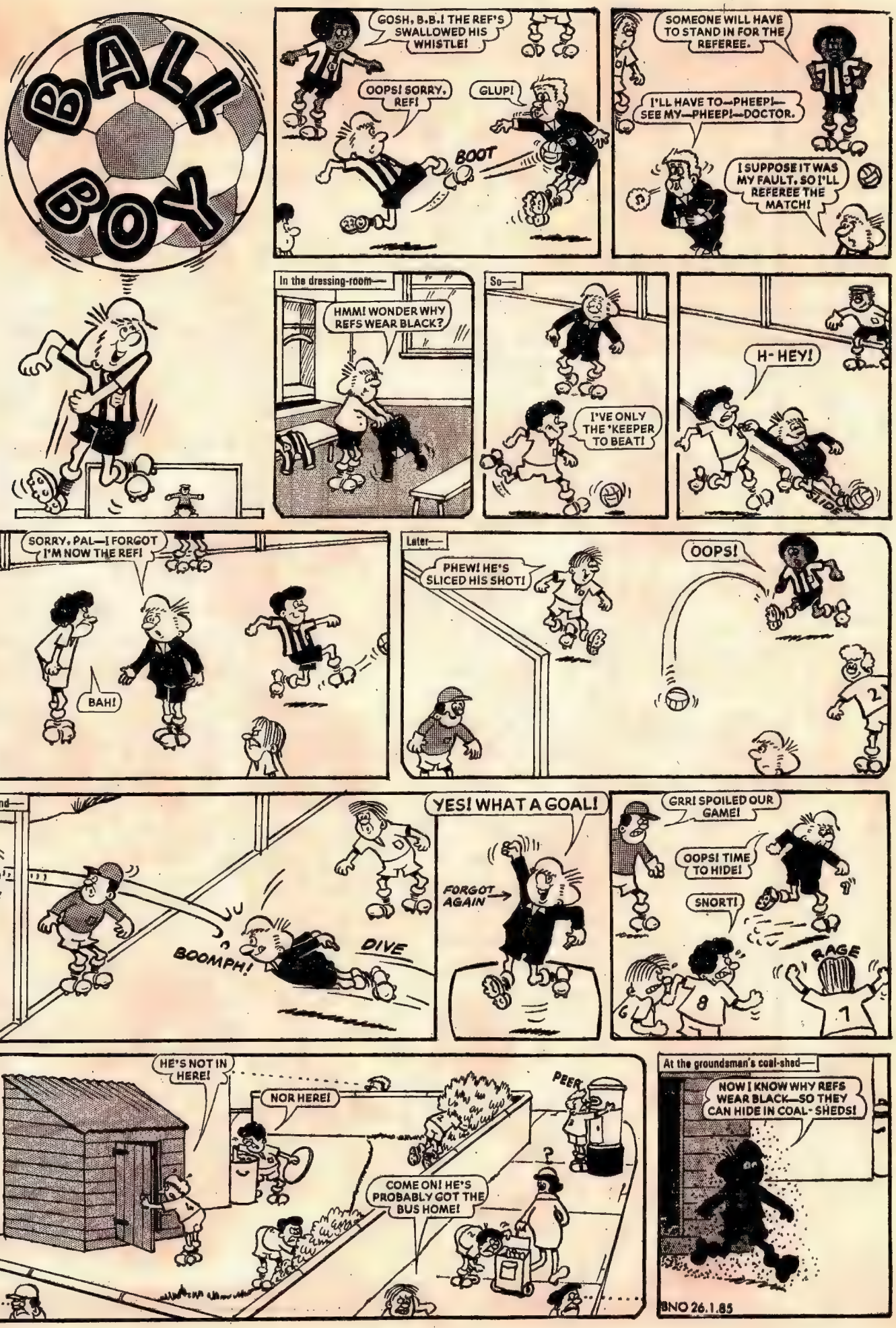
BALL BOY
GOSH, B.B.! THE REF'S SWALLOWED HIS WHISTLE!
OOPS! SORRY, REF!
GLUP!
BOOT
SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO STAND IN FOR THE REFEREE.
I'LL HAVE TO—PHEEP!—SEE MY—PHEEP!—DOCTOR.
I SUPPOSE IT WAS MY FAULT, SO I'LL REFEREE THE MATCH!
In the dressing-room—
HMM! WONDER WHY REFS WEAR BLACK?
So—
I'VE ONLY THE 'KEEPER TO BEAT!
H-HEY!
SLIDE
SORRY, PAL—I FORGOT I'M NOW THE REF!
BAH!
Later—
PHEW! HE'S SLICED HIS SHOT!
OOPS!
And—
BOOMPH!
DIVE
YES! WHAT A GOAL!
FORGOT AGAIN
GRR! SPOILED OUR GAME!
OOPS! TIME TO HIDE!
SNORT!
RAGE
HE'S NOT IN HERE!
NOR HERE!
PEER
COME ON! HE'S PROBABLY GOT THE BUS HOME!
At the groundsman's coal-shed—
NOW I KNOW WHY REFS WEAR BLACK—SO THEY CAN HIDE IN COAL-SHEDS!
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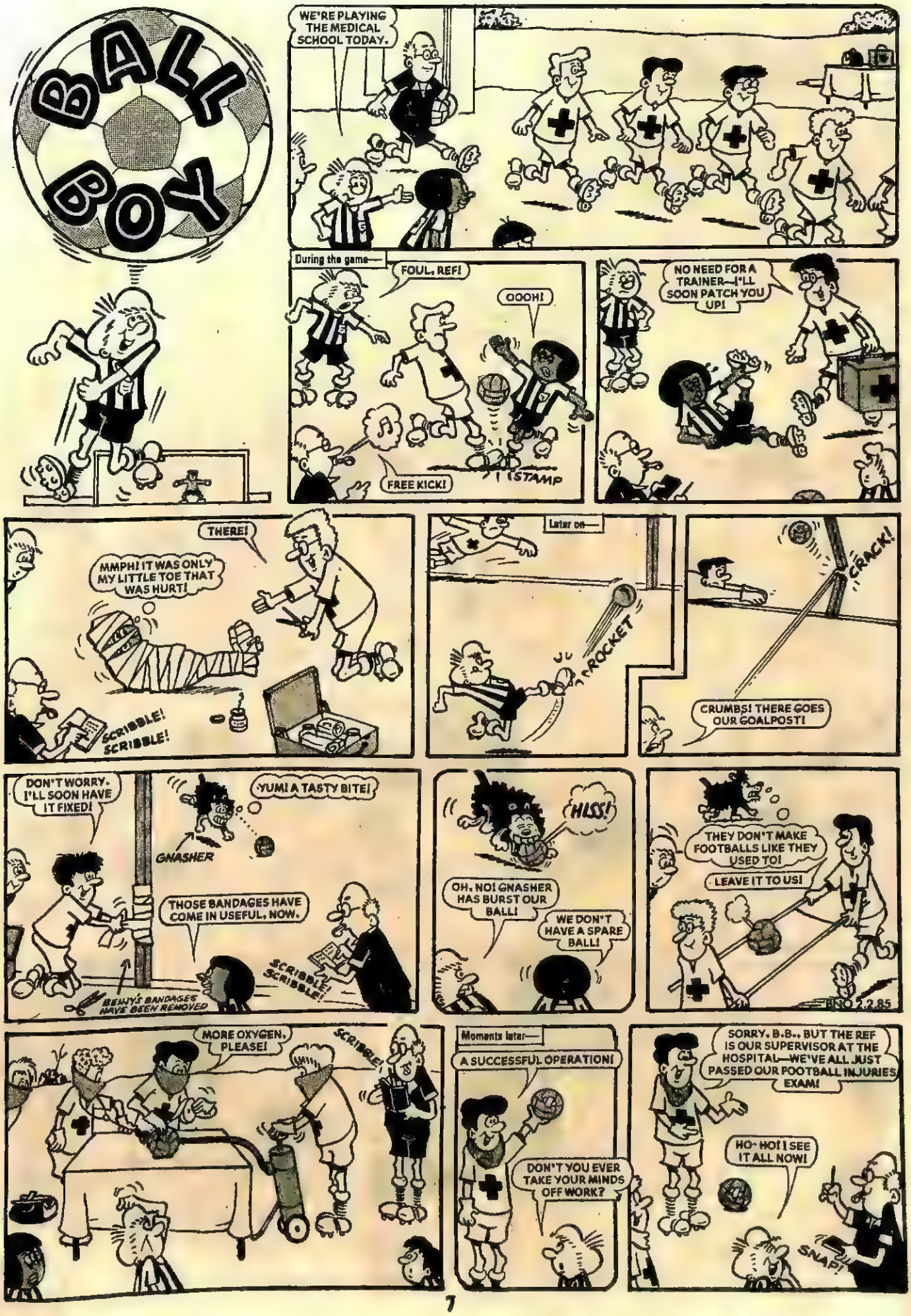
BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING THE MEDICAL SCHOOL TODAY.
During the game—
FOUL, REF!
OOOH!
FREE KICK!
STAMP
NO NEED FOR A TRAINER—I'LL SOON PATCH YOU UP!
THERE!
MMPH! IT WAS ONLY MY LITTLE TOE THAT WAS HURT!
SCRIBBLE! SCRIBBLE!
Later on—
ROCKET
CRACK!
CRUMBS! THERE GOES OUR GOALPOST!
DON'T WORRY. I'LL SOON HAVE IT FIXED!
YUM! A TASTY BITE!
GNASHER
THOSE BANDAGES HAVE COME IN USEFUL, NOW.
BEHIY'S BANDAGES HAVE BEEN REMOVED
SCRIBBLE! SCRIBBLE!
HISS!
OH, NO! GNASHER HAS BURST OUR BALL!
WE DON'T HAVE A SPARE BALL!
THEY DON'T MAKE FOOTBALLS LIKE THEY USED TO!
LEAVE IT TO US!
BNO 2.2.85
MORE OXYGEN, PLEASE!
SCRIBBLE!
Moments later—
A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION!
DON'T YOU EVER TAKE YOUR MINDS OFF WORK?
SORRY, B.B., BUT THE REF IS OUR SUPERVISOR AT THE HOSPITAL—WE'VE ALL JUST PASSED OUR FOOTBALL INJURIES EXAM!
HO-HO! I SEE IT ALL NOW!
SNAP!

BALL BOY
MATCH TODAY POSHTOWN V B.B.'s TEAM
THERE SHOULD BE A BIG CROWD TODAY!
Inside the ground—
WOW! LOOK AT THAT, LADS!
WELCOME, B.B.'S TEAM
POSHTOWN HAVE THE BEST STADIUM IN THE LEAGUE! LOOK AT THAT ELECTRONIC SCORE-BOARD.
WE HAVE THE LATEST NEWS AS IT COMES IN
BOO!
HISS!
AARGH!
CRUNK!
OOO! WHAT A DIRTY TACKLE!
BOO!
BOO!
BOO!
TODAY'S ATTENDANCE IS 9,988 PLUS 6 HENS, 3 DOGS, 2 MICE, 1 BUDGIE AND THE 9 RESIDENT WORMS!
THAT SCOREBOARD'S GREAT! WONDER WHAT WILL COME UP ON IT NEXT?
ER—B.B....
TAP
WHAT-ERK!
...IT'S FOR YOU!
B.B.—GET HOME THIS VERY MINUTE—YOUR BEDROOM IS UNTIDY!
HA. HA!
HAW. HAW!
HA. HA!
HAW. HAW!
HA. HA!
HAW. HAW!
HA. HA!
HA-HA!
HAW-HAW!
HEE-HEE!
THE SHAME!
B.B.'S MUM
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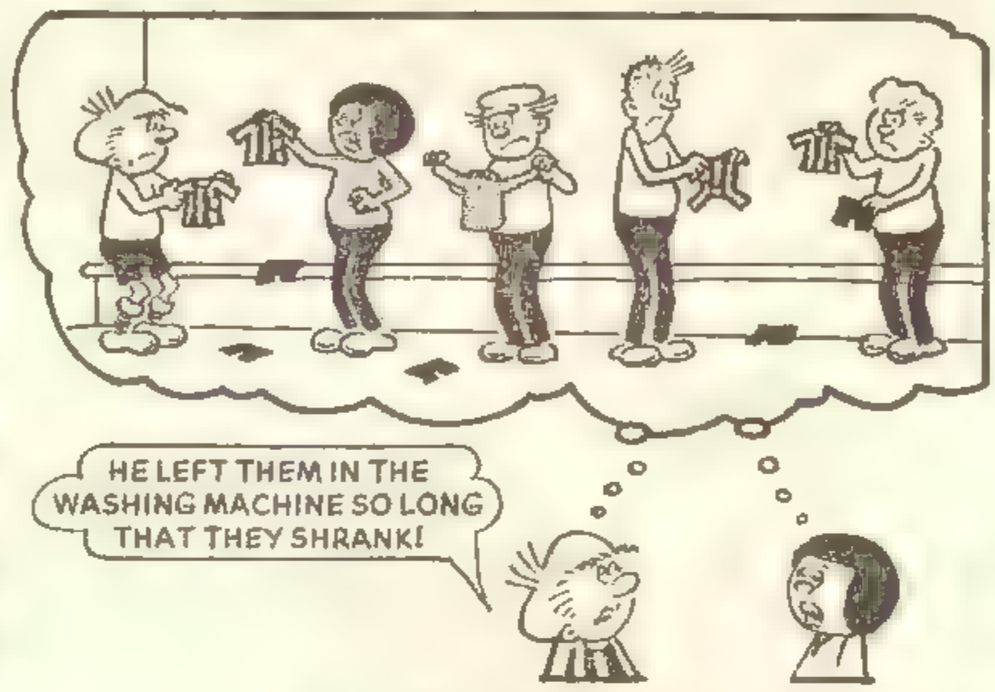
BALL BOY

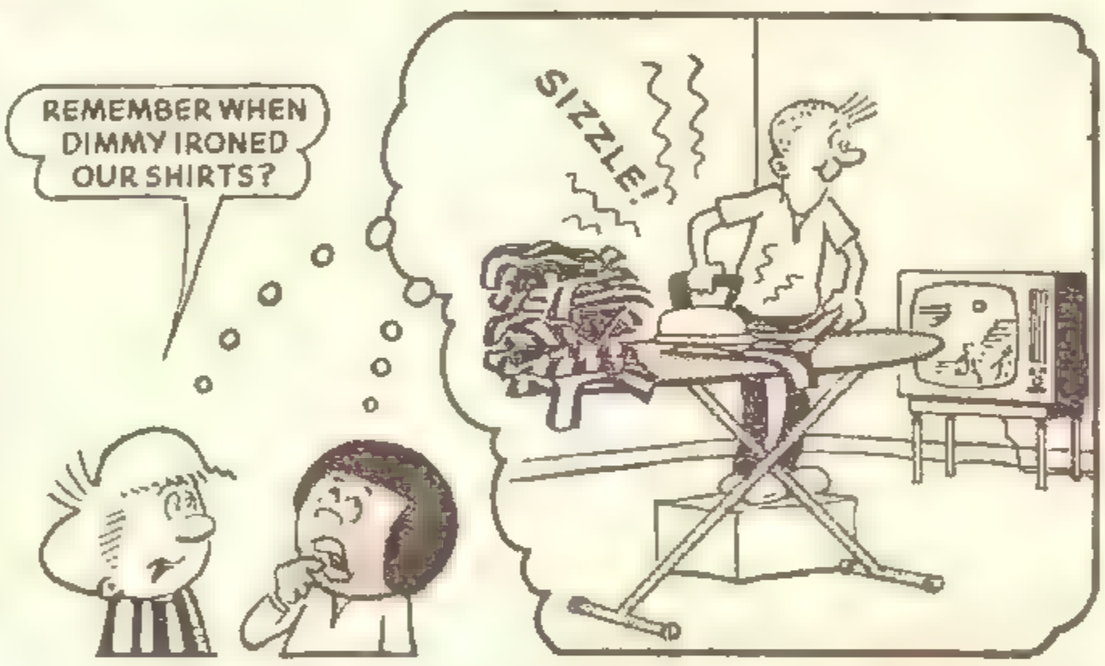
IT'S YOUR TURN TO WASH THE STRIPS, DIMMY!
OK, B.B.!
DRESSING ROOM

OH, NO! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
EH?

REMEMBER THE LAST TIME DIMMY WASHED THE STRIPS?
OH, DEAR! I DO INDEED!


HE LEFT THEM IN THE WASHING MACHINE SO LONG THAT THEY SHRANK!

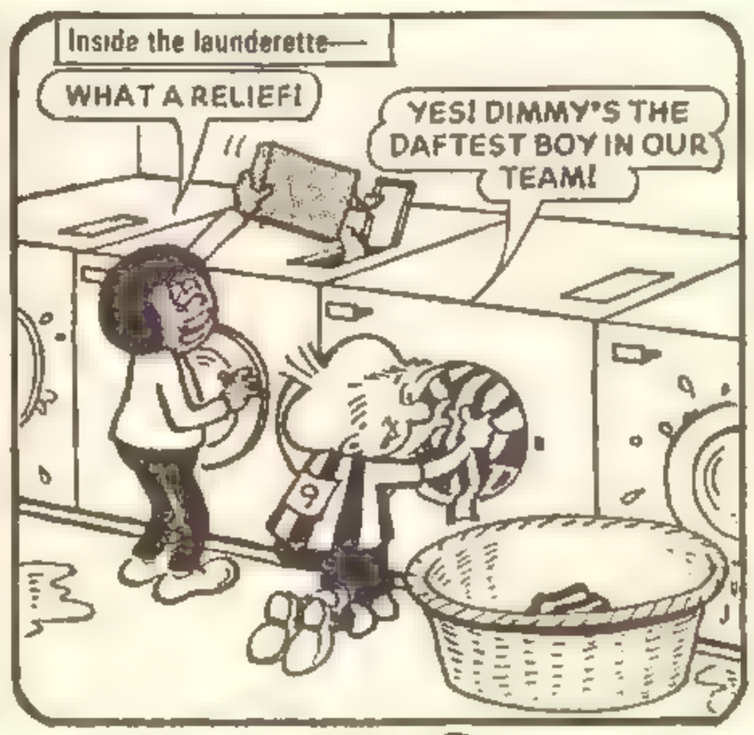
YES, BUT THE NURSERY SCHOOL WAS PLEASED WITH THEM!


REMEMBER WHEN DIMMY IRONED OUR SHIRTS?
SIZZLE!

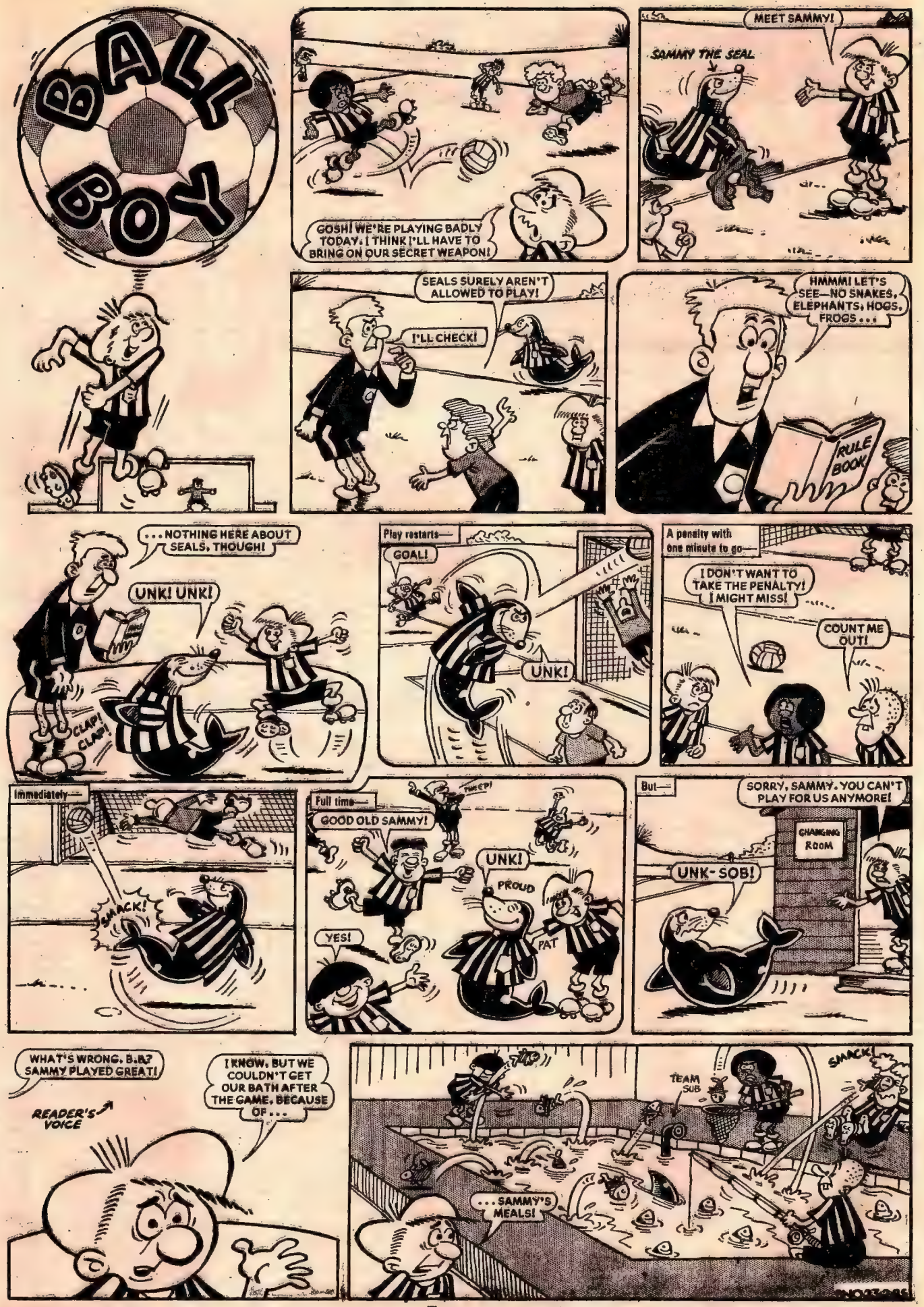
YES! WE SET A NEW FASHION IN FOOTBALL STRIPS!

WE'LL HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Soon—
LAUNDERETTE
PHEW! JUST IN TIME!
ER... WE'LL DO THESE, DIMMY.
?
BNO

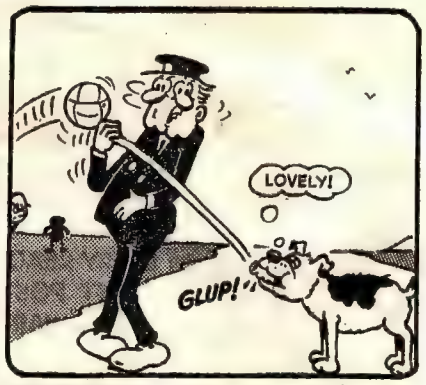

Inside the launderette—
WHAT A RELIEF!
YES! DIMMY'S THE DAFTEST BOY IN OUR TEAM!

At Dimmy's house—
THIS IS THE LIFE! IF B.B. AND BENJY HURRY THEY MIGHT SEE THE SECOND HALF!
THE BIG MATCH
READER'S VOICE
HO-HO! MAYBE IT'S NOT DIMMY WHO'S DAFT!

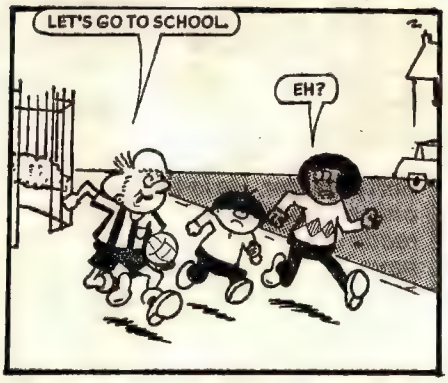

BALL BOY
GOSH! WE'RE PLAYING BADLY TODAY. I THINK I'LL HAVE TO BRING ON OUR SECRET WEAPON!
MEET SAMMY!
SAMMY THE SEAL
SEALS SURELY AREN'T ALLOWED TO PLAY!
I'LL CHECK!
HMMM! LET'S SEE—NO SNAKES, ELEPHANTS, HOGS, FROGS...
RULE BOOK
...NOTHING HERE ABOUT SEALS, THOUGH!
UNK! UNK!
CLAP! CLAP!
Play restarts—
GOAL!
UNK!
A penalty with one minute to go—
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE PENALTY! I MIGHT MISS!
COUNT ME OUT!
Immediately—
SMACK!
Full time—
GOOD OLD SAMMY!
TWEEP!
UNK!
PROUD
PAT
YES!
But—
SORRY, SAMMY. YOU CAN'T PLAY FOR US ANYMORE!
CHANGING ROOM
UNK-SOB!
WHAT'S WRONG, B.B? SAMMY PLAYED GREAT!
READER'S VOICE
I KNOW, BUT WE COULDN'T GET OUR BATH AFTER THE GAME, BECAUSE OF...
TEAM SUB
SMACK!
...SAMMY'S MEALS!

BALL BOY

I LOVE A SAUSAGE ROLL.
ME TOO!


LOVELY!
GLUP!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT — GET OUT OF MY PARK!
WHERE'LL WE GO NOW?


LET'S GO TO SCHOOL.
EH?

IT'S SATURDAY — WE CAN PLAY IN THE PLAYGROUND.

But —
DING!
BONG!
DING!
BONG!
DING!
BONG!

DING!
BONG!
MUST HAVE GOT OUR DAYS MIXED UP!
OH-OH! TEACHERS.

TWIT! WE ALMOST HAD TO DO LESSONS!
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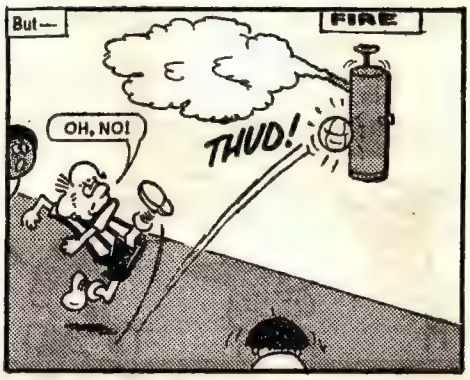
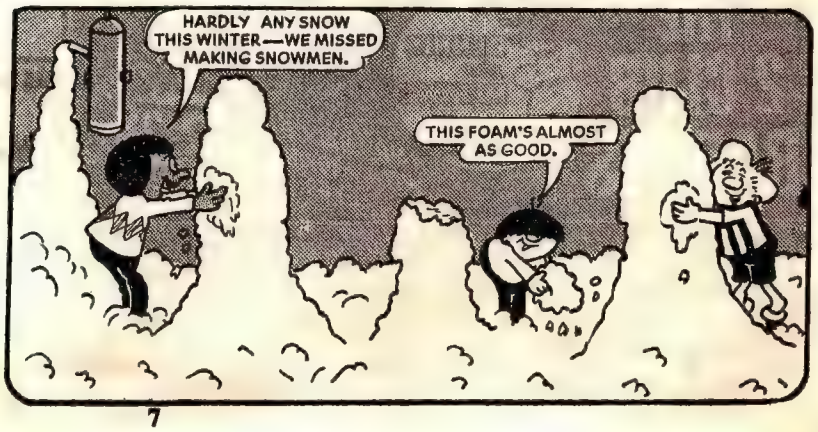
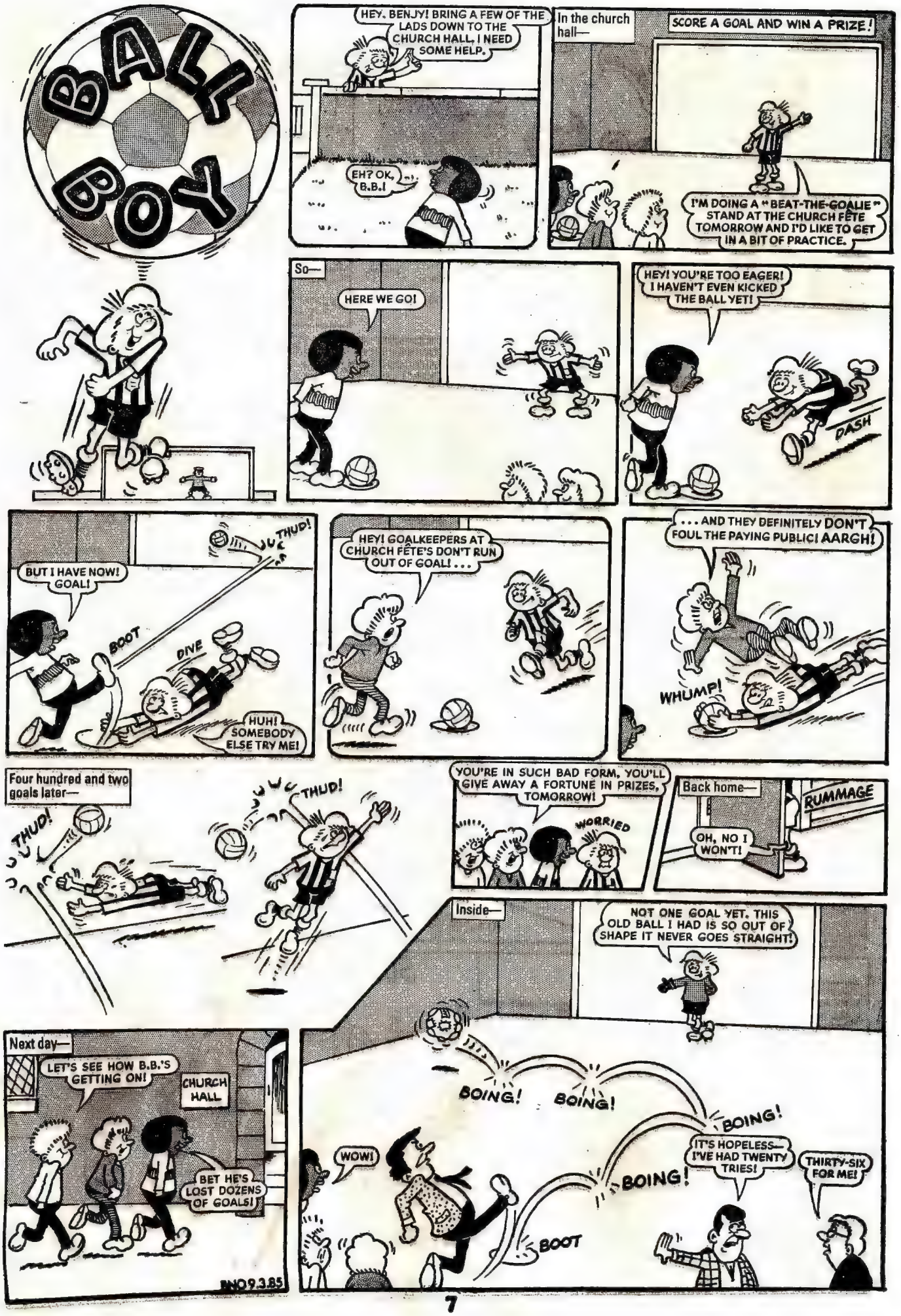
WE'LL PLAY IN HERE — NOTHING FOR B.B. TO HIT.
SPORTS HALL


But —
FIRE
OH, NO!
THUD!

WELL DONE!
PAT!
THANKS, B.B.
PAT!


HARDLY ANY SNOW THIS WINTER — WE MISSED MAKING SNOWMEN.
THIS FOAM'S ALMOST AS GOOD.


BALL BOY
HEY, BENJY! BRING A FEW OF THE LADS DOWN TO THE CHURCH HALL. I NEED SOME HELP.
EH? OK, B.B.!
In the church hall—
SCORE A GOAL AND WIN A PRIZE!
I'M DOING A "BEAT-THE-GOALIE" STAND AT THE CHURCH FÊTE TOMORROW AND I'D LIKE TO GET IN A BIT OF PRACTICE.
So—
HERE WE GO!
HEY! YOU'RE TOO EAGER! I HAVEN'T EVEN KICKED THE BALL YET!
DASH
THUD!
BUT I HAVE NOW! GOAL!
BOOT
DIVE
HUH! SOMEBODY ELSE TRY ME!
HEY! GOALKEEPERS AT CHURCH FÊTE'S DON'T RUN OUT OF GOAL! . . .
. . . AND THEY DEFINITELY DON'T FOUL THE PAYING PUBLIC! AARGH!
WHUMP!
Four hundred and two goals later—
THUD!
THUD!
YOU'RE IN SUCH BAD FORM, YOU'LL GIVE AWAY A FORTUNE IN PRIZES, TOMORROW!
WORRIED
Back home—
RUMMAGE
OH, NO I WON'T!
Inside—
NOT ONE GOAL YET. THIS OLD BALL I HAD IS SO OUT OF SHAPE IT NEVER GOES STRAIGHT!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
BOING!
WOW!
BOOT
IT'S HOPELESS— I'VE HAD TWENTY TRIES!
THIRTY-SIX FOR ME!
Next day—
LET'S SEE HOW B.B.'S GETTING ON!
CHURCH HALL
BET HE'S LOST DOZENS OF GOALS!
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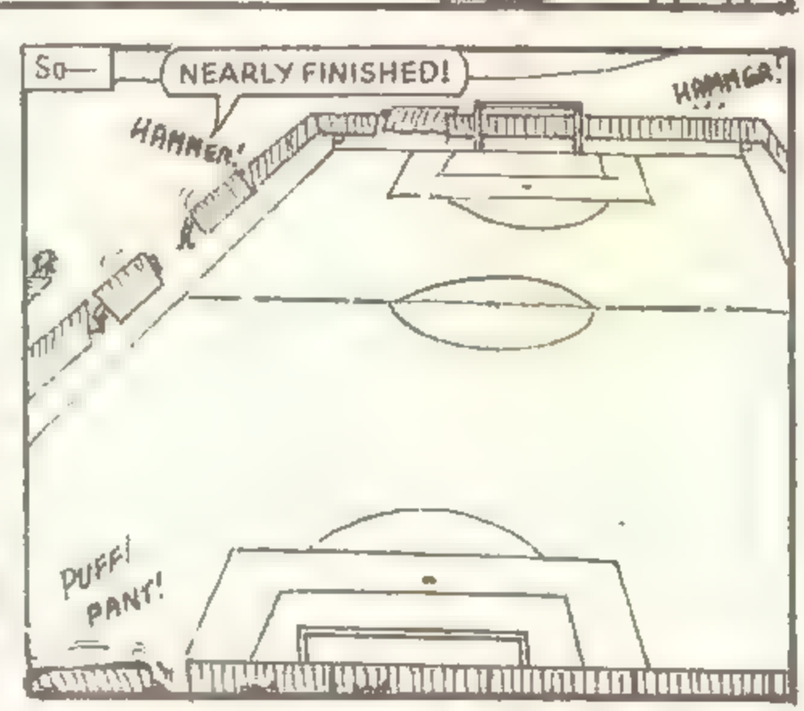
BALL BOY

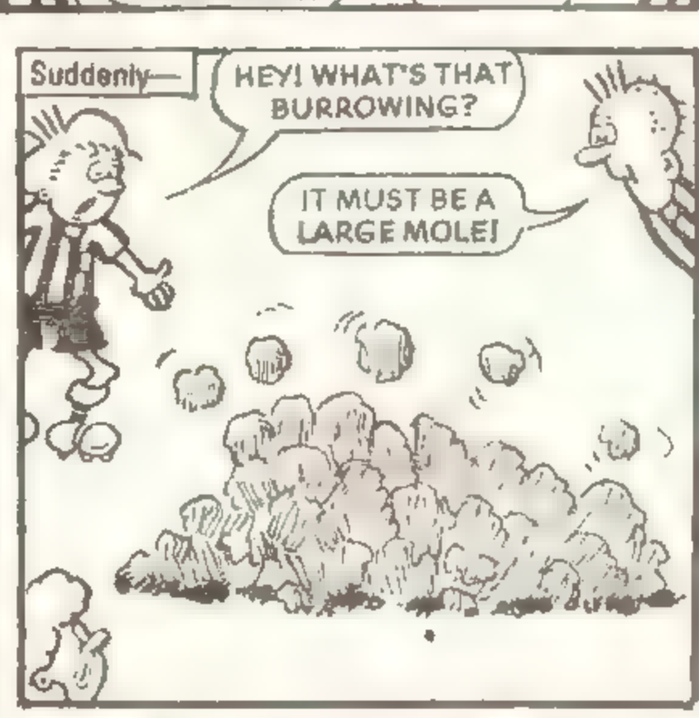
GOOD JUMP, B.B.!

HOLD ON! STOP THE GAME!
BAH! PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS INVADING OUR PITCH!

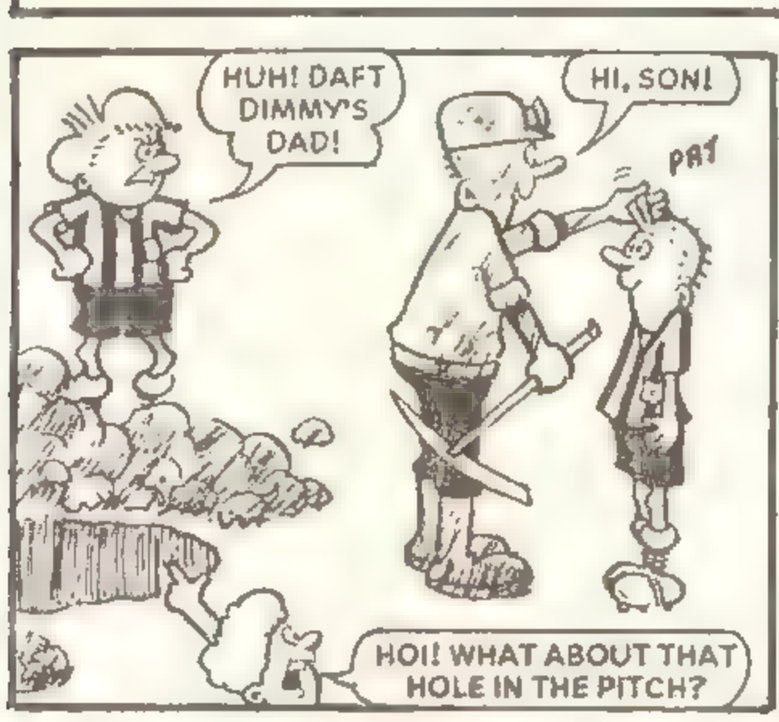
Next—
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!
HOW CAN WE STOP THEM?
LET'S BUILD A FENCE AROUND THE PITCH!

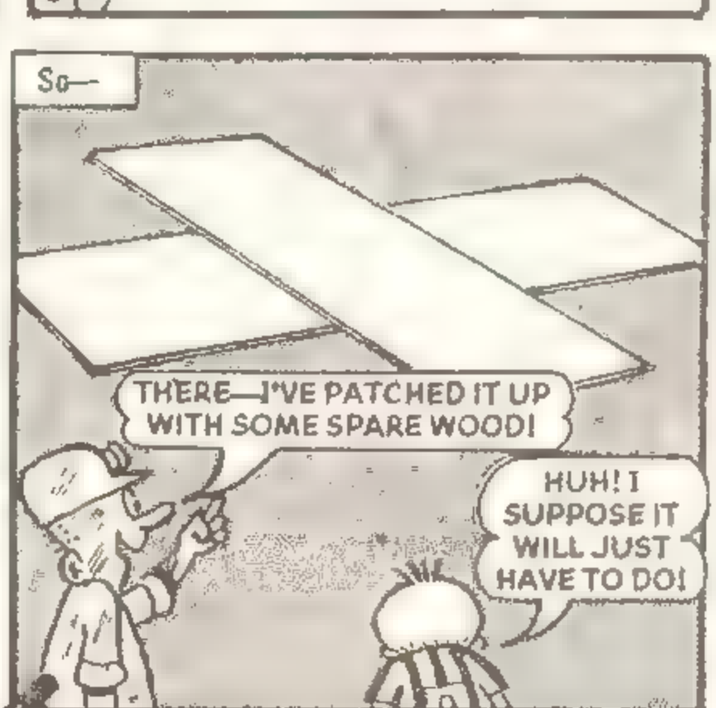

So—
NEARLY FINISHED!
HAMMER!
HAMMER!
PUFF! PANT!

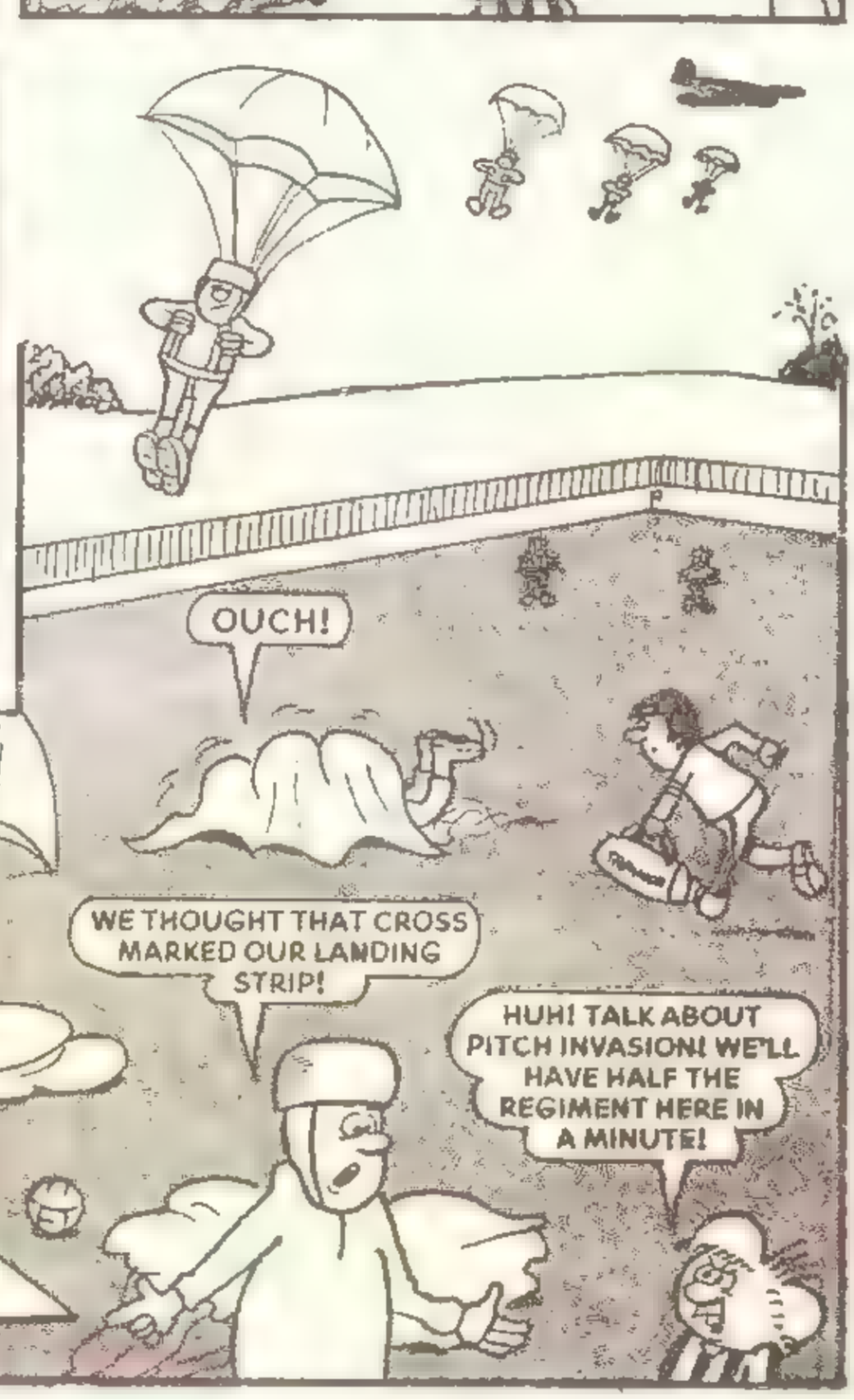
Fence finished—
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT. WE CAN ENJOY THE GAME IN PEACE NOW!

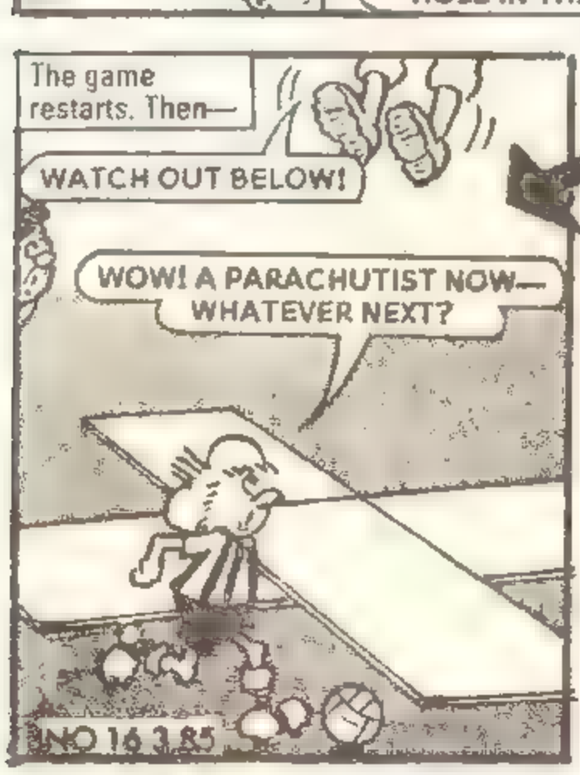

Suddenly—
HEY! WHAT'S THAT BURROWING?
IT MUST BE A LARGE MOLE!

GOSH! IT'S A POTHOLER!
SORRY, LADS! I GOT LOST!


HUH! DAFT DIMMY'S DAD!
HI, SON!
PAT
HOI! WHAT ABOUT THAT HOLE IN THE PITCH?


So—
THERE—I'VE PATCHED IT UP WITH SOME SPARE WOOD!
HUH! I SUPPOSE IT WILL JUST HAVE TO DO!


OUCH!
WE THOUGHT THAT CROSS MARKED OUR LANDING STRIP!
HUH! TALK ABOUT PITCH INVASION! WE'LL HAVE HALF THE REGIMENT HERE IN A MINUTE!


The game restarts. Then—
WATCH OUT BELOW!
WOW! A PARACHUTIST NOW— WHATEVER NEXT?
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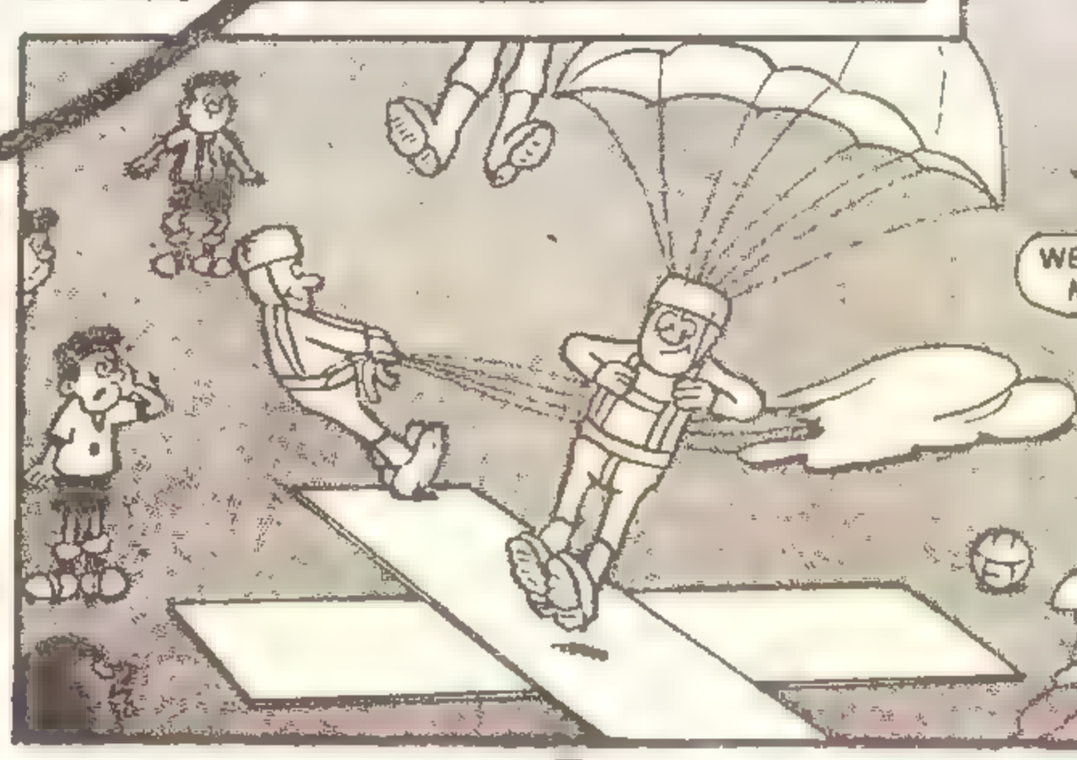

BALL BOY
WOOPS! A MISKICK— I'LL GET IT!
BOOT
GOSH! TALLEST TREE I'VE EVER SEEN!
GASP! WHERE ON EARTH AM I?
ERK! A GIANT!
HORRIFIED
CLUMP!
CLUMP!
GIANT POP
I—I'VE GOT TO HIDE!
GRR! THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH PICNICS—ALWAYS CREEPY-CRAWLIES EVERYWHERE!
YEUCH!
WAA!
HELP!
BALL BOY! BALL BOY! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!
HELP! EH? PHEW! JUST IN TIME!
SHAKE
Later—
I JUST KNOW THAT NIGHTMARE WAS A WARNING ABOUT THINGS TO COME.
PLAYING FIELDS
B.B.'s team are being beaten 21-0 so far—
GRUNT!
BUMP!
BUMP!
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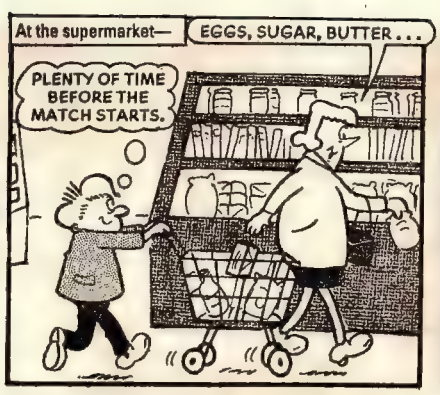
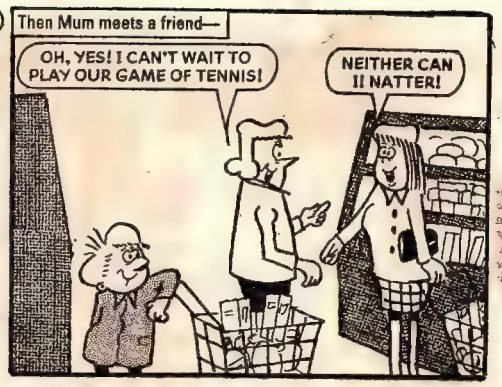
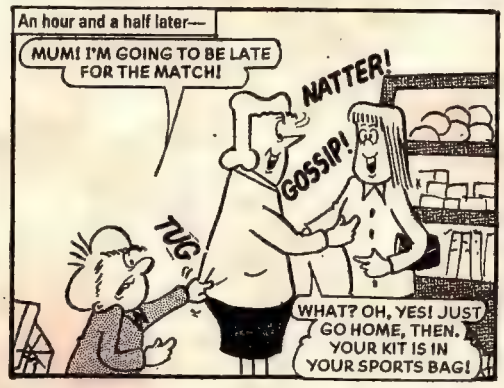
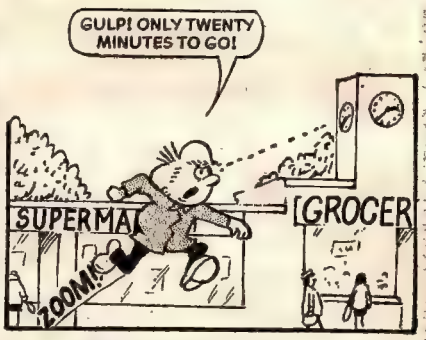
HUH! IT'S JUST LIKE MY NIGHTMARE PREDICTED— THOSE GIANTS KNOCKED US OUT OF THE CUP!

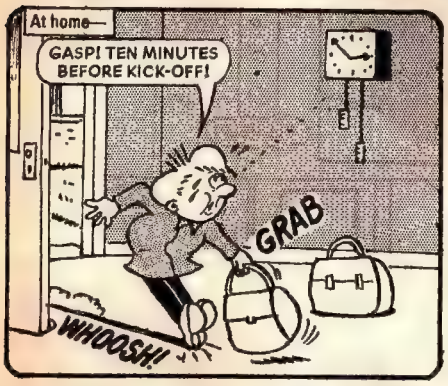
BALL BOY


At the supermarket—
EGGS, SUGAR, BUTTER . . .
PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE THE MATCH STARTS.


Then Mum meets a friend—
OH, YES! I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY OUR GAME OF TENNIS!
NEITHER CAN I! NATTER!


An hour and a half later—
MUM! I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE MATCH!
NATTER!
GOSSIP!
TUG
WHAT? OH, YES! JUST GO HOME, THEN. YOUR KIT IS IN YOUR SPORTS BAG!


GULP! ONLY TWENTY MINUTES TO GO!
SUPERMA
GROCER
ZOOM!


At home—
GASP! TEN MINUTES BEFORE KICK-OFF!
GRAB
WHOOSH!

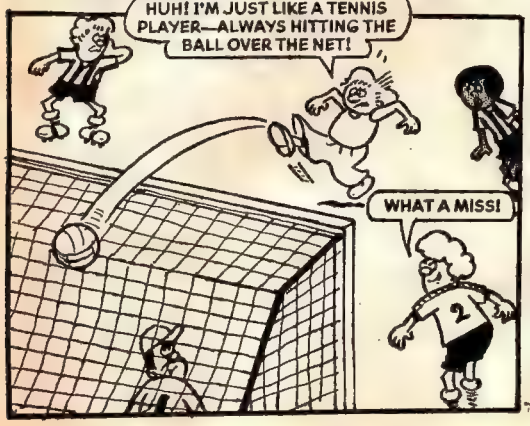
In the dressing room—
WONDER WHERE B.B. COULD BE?

Then—
SORRY I'M LATE. I'LL JUST GET CHANGED!

HAW! HAW!
HA! HA!
HEE! HEE!
HAW! HAW!
OH, NO!

I MUST HAVE PICKED UP MUM'S SPORTS BAG BY MISTAKE!
TITTER!

Game starts—
PASS


HUH! I'M JUST LIKE A TENNIS PLAYER—ALWAYS HITTING THE BALL OVER THE NET!
WHAT A MISS!
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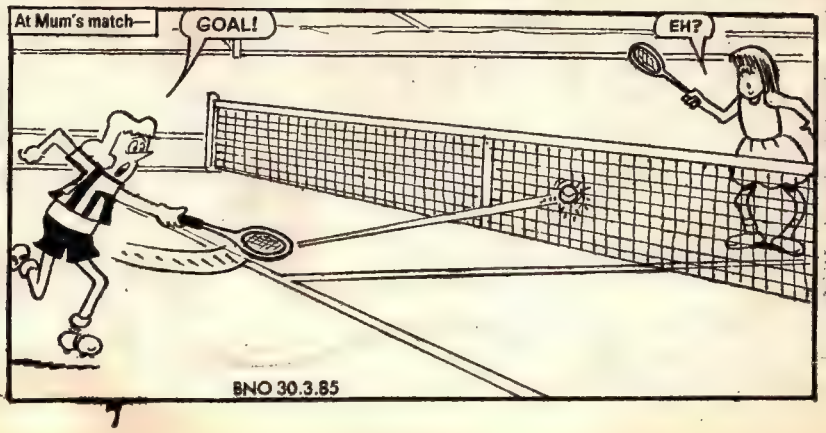
At Mum's match—
GOAL!
EH?

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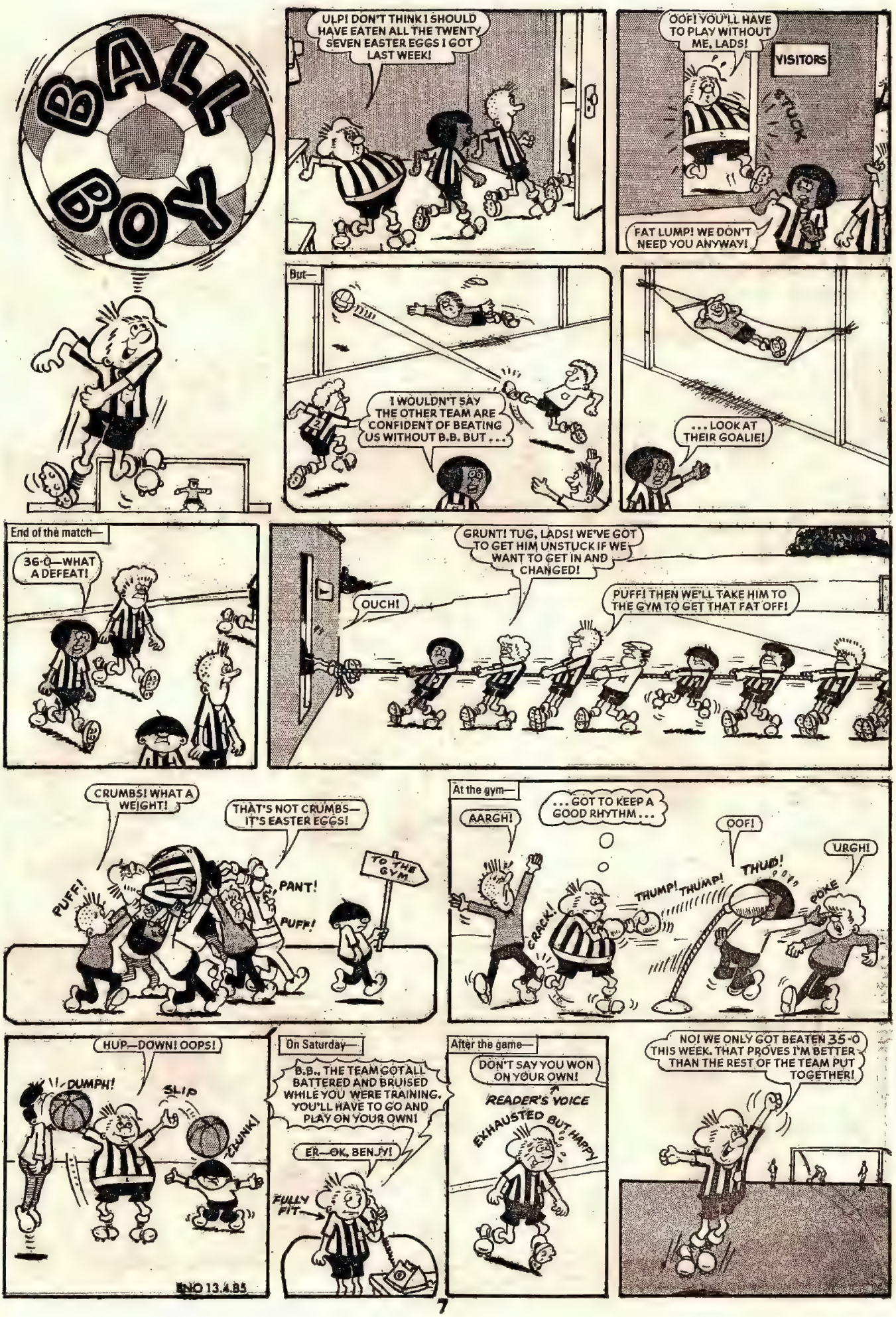
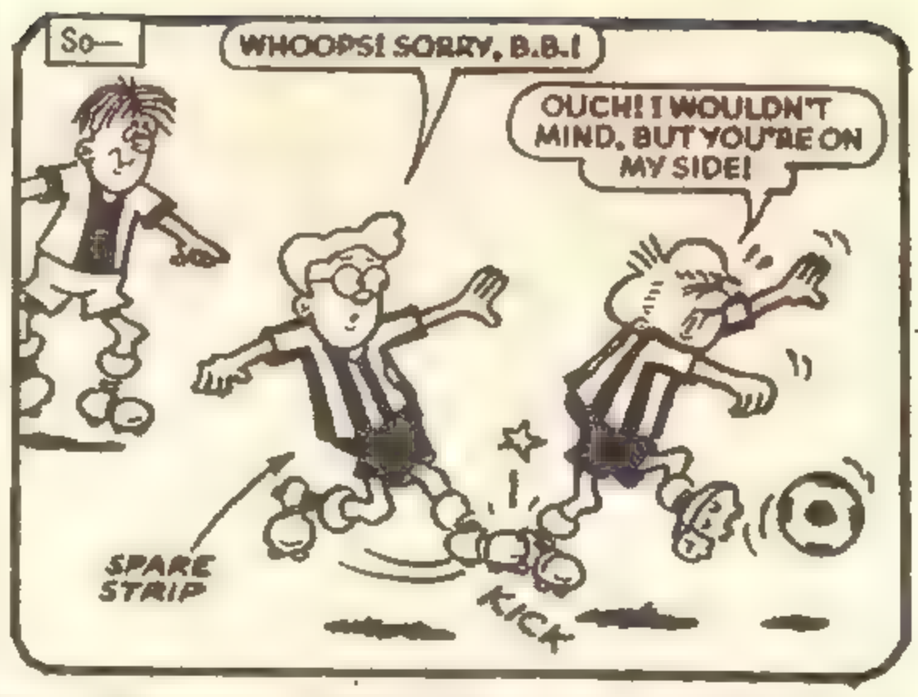
BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST THE SCHOOL STAFF TODAY.
DRESSING ROOMS
AHA! THIS BALL WAS MADE IN PORTUGAL!
MADE IN PORTUGAL
WHAT'S THE CAPITAL OF PORTUGAL, BOY?
ER—MADRID?
LISBON, YOU DUNCE! GO AND STAND IN THE CORNER!
HE'S THE GEOGRAPHY TEACHER!
YOWL!
CRUNCH!
FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN, LEND ME YOUR SHIN PADS!
GROAN! HE'S THE ENGLISH TEACHER, AND I'M FED UP WITH SHAKESPEARE!
Next—
MATHS TEACHER
WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
HO!! OUR WINGER!
HERE'S THE ANSWER—SEVEN!
GROOGH! WHAT NEXT?
SPLUTTER! THE SCIENCE TEACHER—I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED!
ALL THAT IS BAD ENOUGH . . .
. . . BUT THE WOODWORK TEACHER IS IN GOAL!
NAILS
BNO 6.4.85


BALL BOY
ULP! DON'T THINK I SHOULD HAVE EATEN ALL THE TWENTY SEVEN EASTER EGGS I GOT LAST WEEK!
OOF! YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAY WITHOUT ME, LADS!
VISITORS
STUCK
FAT LUMP! WE DON'T NEED YOU ANYWAY!
But—
I WOULDN'T SAY THE OTHER TEAM ARE CONFIDENT OF BEATING US WITHOUT B.B. BUT . . .
. . . LOOK AT THEIR GOALIE!
End of the match—
36-0—WHAT A DEFEAT!
GRUNT! TUG, LADS! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM UNSTUCK IF WE WANT TO GET IN AND CHANGED!
OUCH!
PUFF! THEN WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE GYM TO GET THAT FAT OFF!
CRUMBS! WHAT A WEIGHT!
THAT'S NOT CRUMBS—IT'S EASTER EGGS!
PUFF!
PANT!
PUFF!
TO THE GYM
At the gym—
AARGH!
. . . GOT TO KEEP A GOOD RHYTHM . . .
OOF!
URGH!
THUD!
THUMP!
THUMP!
CRACK!
POKE
HUP—DOWN! OOPS!
DUMPH!
SLIP
CRUNK!
On Saturday—
B.B., THE TEAM GOT ALL BATTERED AND BRUISED WHILE YOU WERE TRAINING. YOU'LL HAVE TO GO AND PLAY ON YOUR OWN!
ER—OK, BENJY!
FULLY FIT
After the game—
DON'T SAY YOU WON ON YOUR OWN!
READER'S VOICE
EXHAUSTED BUT HAPPY
NO! WE ONLY GOT BEATEN 35-0 THIS WEEK. THAT PROVES I'M BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE TEAM PUT TOGETHER!
BNO 13.4.85

BALL BOY

I HEARD YOU WERE A MAN SHORT, BALL BOY. LET ME PLAY!
ER—OK, CLARENCE. NOT OFTEN YOU STOP STUDYING LONG ENOUGH TO PLAY FOOTBALL!

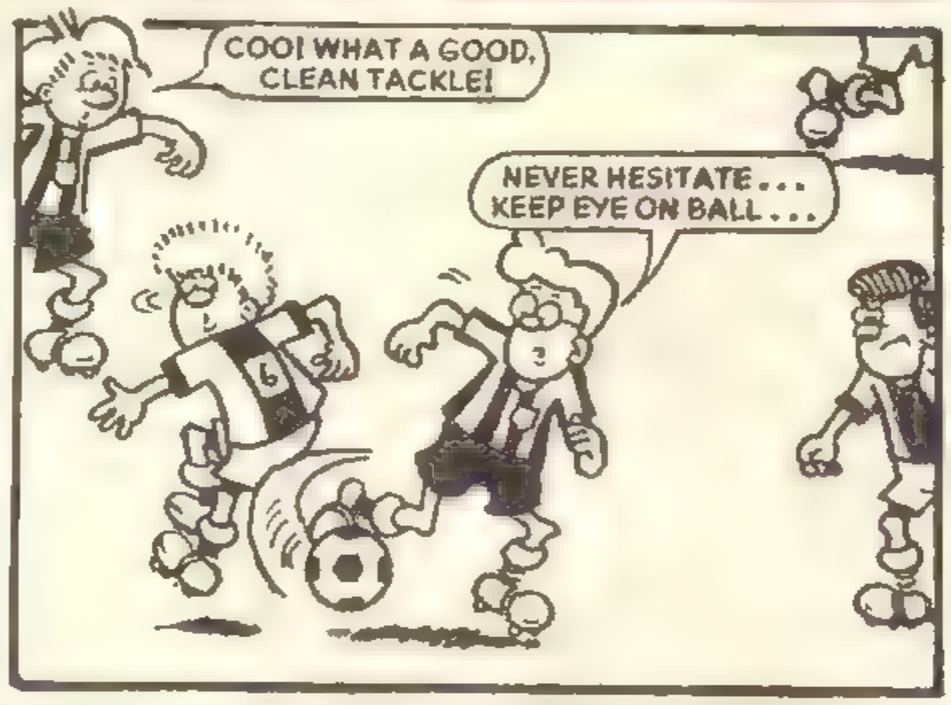

So—
WHOOPS! SORRY, B.B.!
OUCH! I WOULDN'T MIND, BUT YOU'RE ON MY SIDE!
SPARE STRIP
KICK

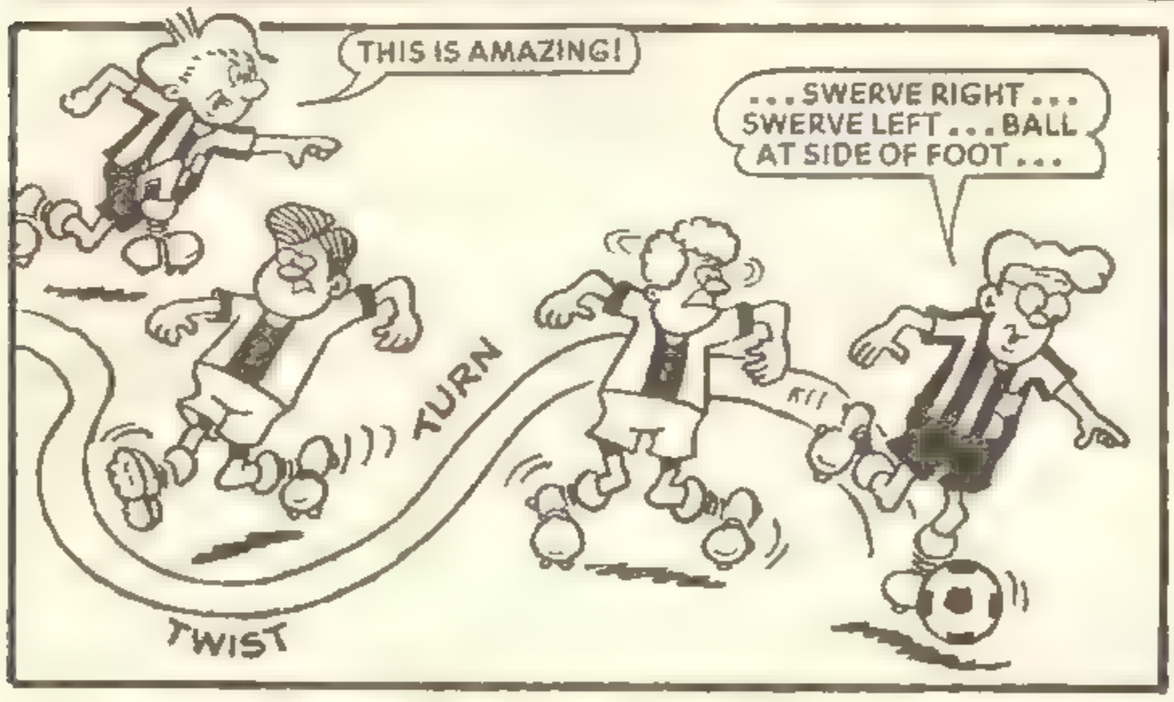
LOOK AT HIM! NO IDEA! NOW HE'S TACKLING THE REFEREE!
PHEE-WIP

SORRY, CLARENCE! YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THE GAME BEFORE YOU CAN PLAY!
OK!

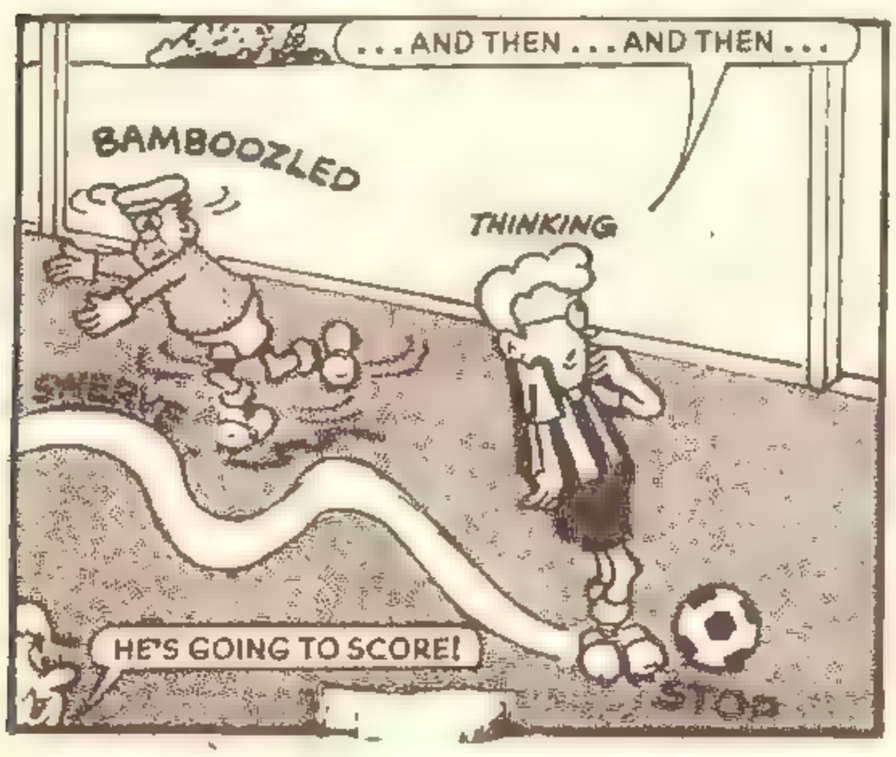
THAT'S GOT RID OF HIM!

Twenty minutes later—
YOOHOO! I'M BACK, BALL BOY! I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE GAME!
ER—HAVE YOU?


COO! WHAT A GOOD, CLEAN TACKLE!
NEVER HESITATE . . . KEEP EYE ON BALL . . .

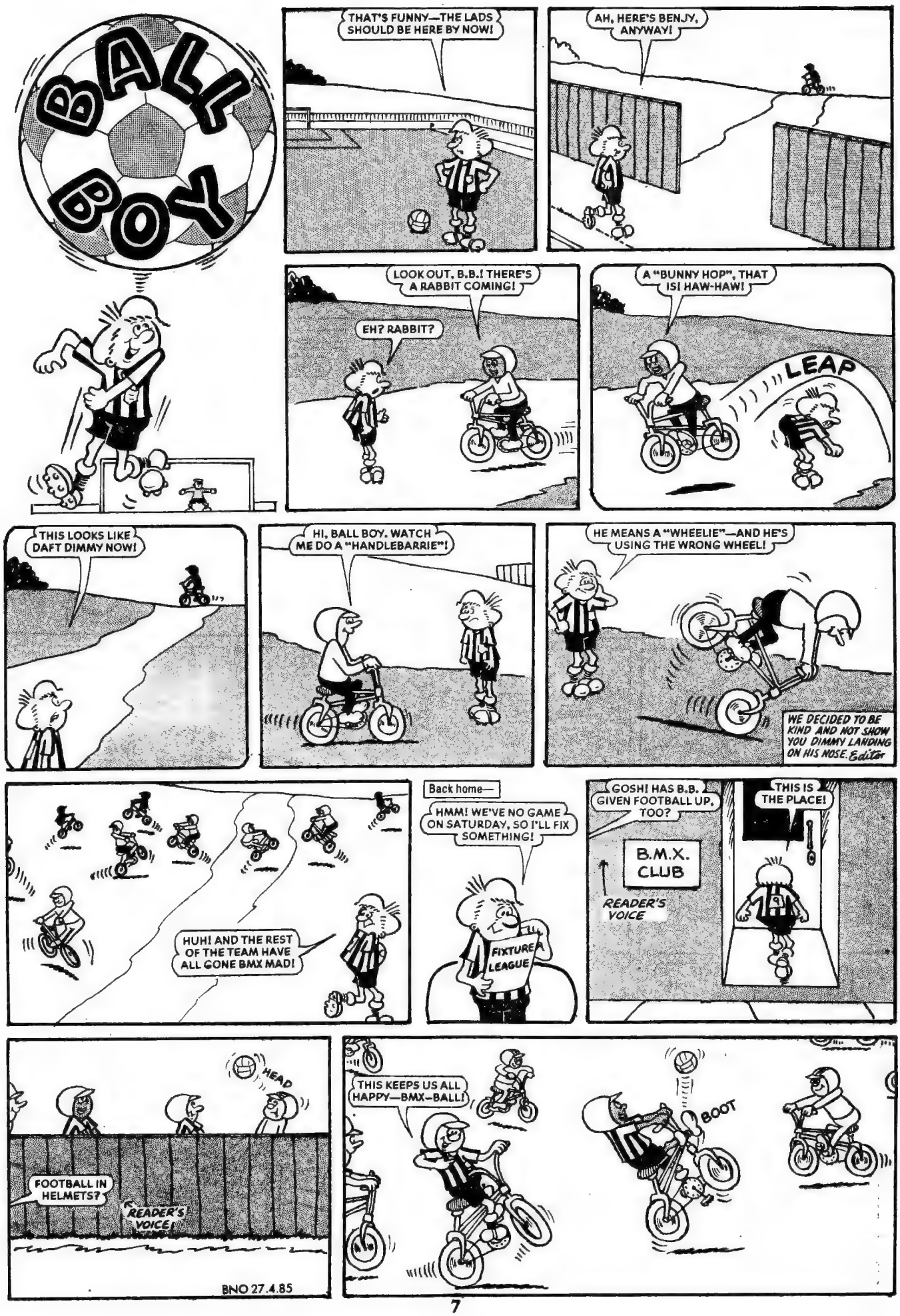

THIS IS AMAZING!
. . . SWERVE RIGHT . . . SWERVE LEFT . . . BALL AT SIDE OF FOOT . . .
TURN
TWIST

HE'S BRILLIANT!
. . . GET INTO PENALTY AREA . . . DRAW GOALKEEPER OUT OF POSITION . . .
CHIP

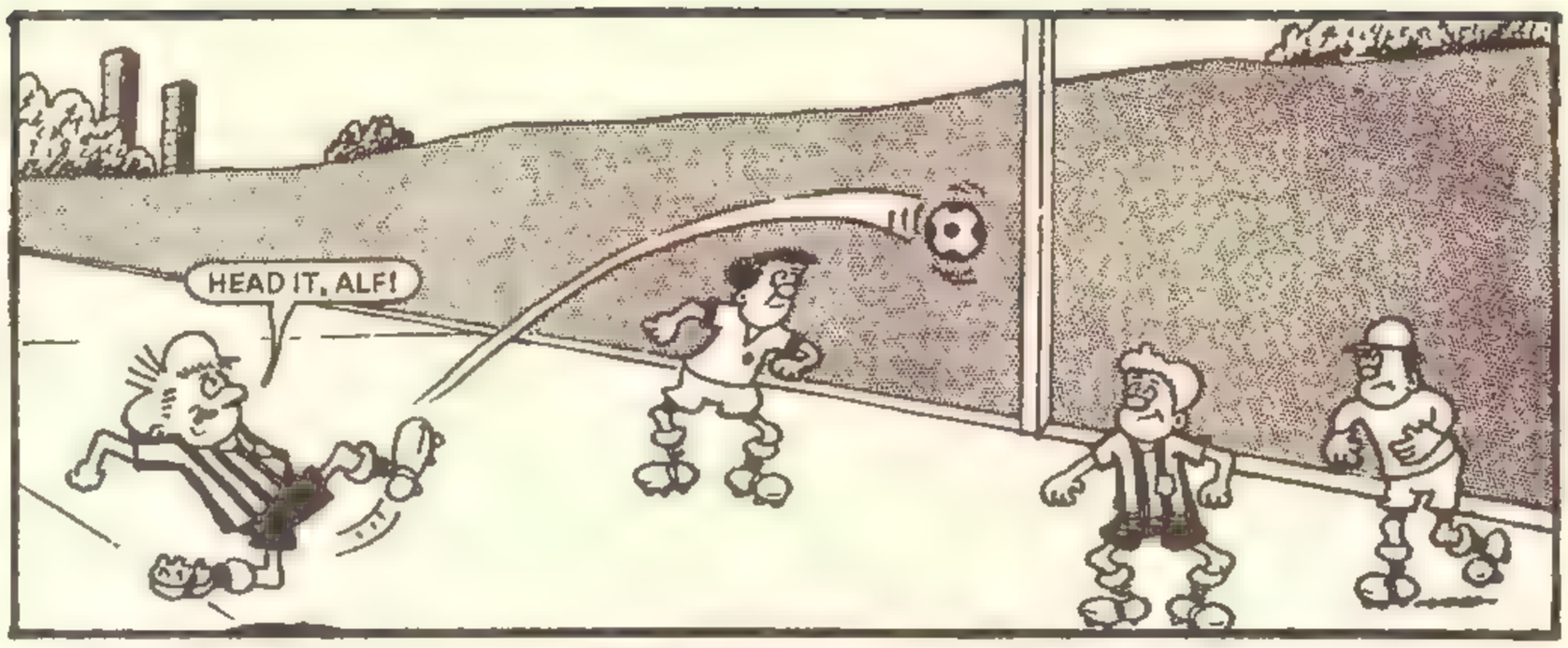

. . . AND THEN . . . AND THEN . . .
BAMBOOZLED
THINKING
SWERVE
HE'S GOING TO SCORE!
STOP

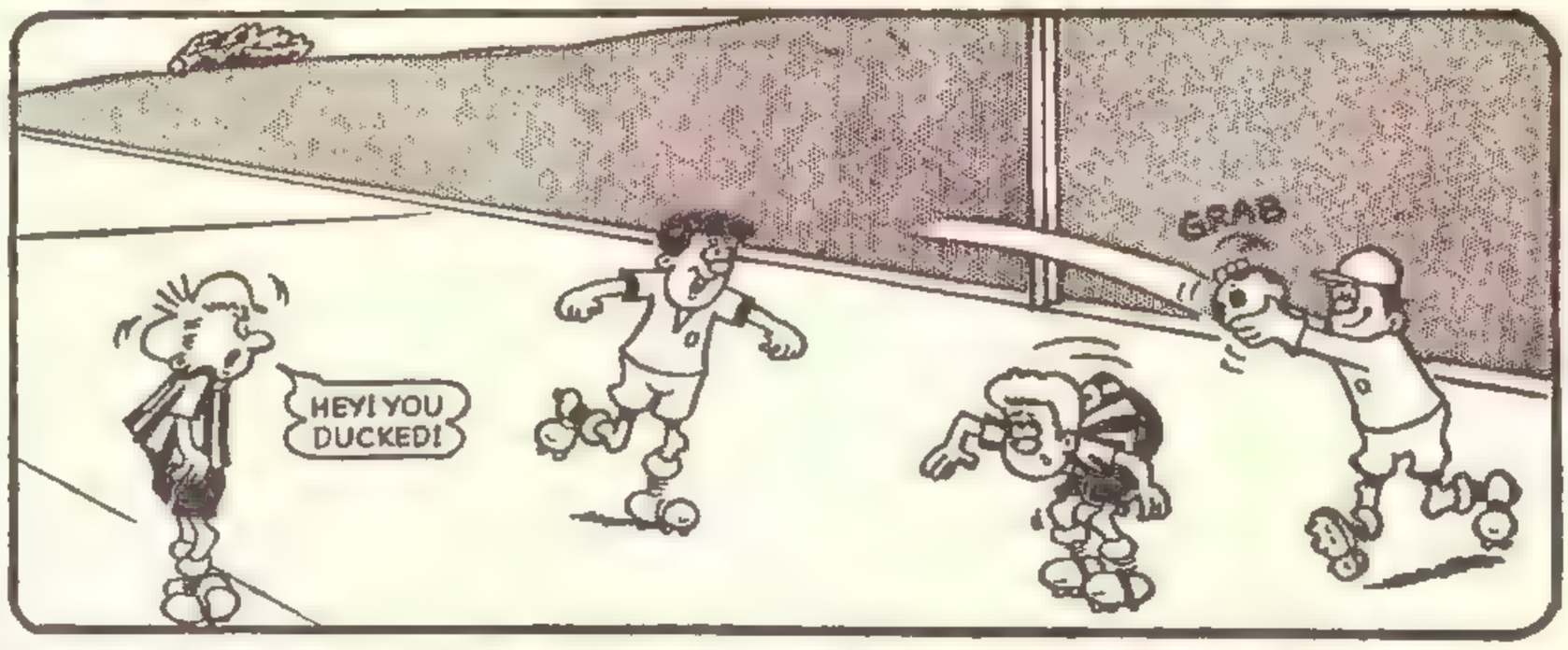
. . . HANG ON! I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NEXT BIT!
DASH

WHERE WAS THAT BIT ON SCORING AGAIN?
BOOST
THAT JUST SHOWS BOOK LEARNING ISN'T AS GOOD AS NATURAL ABILITY! GRR!
GRAB


BALL BOY
THAT'S FUNNY—THE LADS SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW!
AH, HERE'S BENJY, ANYWAY!
LOOK OUT, B.B.! THERE'S A RABBIT COMING!
EH? RABBIT?
A "BUNNY HOP", THAT IS! HAW-HAW!
LEAP
THIS LOOKS LIKE DAFT DIMMY NOW!
HI, BALL BOY. WATCH ME DO A "HANDLEBARRIE"!
HE MEANS A "WHEELIE"—AND HE'S USING THE WRONG WHEEL!
WE DECIDED TO BE KIND AND NOT SHOW YOU DIMMY LANDING ON HIS NOSE. Editor
HUH! AND THE REST OF THE TEAM HAVE ALL GONE BMX MAD!
Back home—
HMM! WE'VE NO GAME ON SATURDAY, SO I'LL FIX SOMETHING!
FIXTURE LEAGUE
GOSH! HAS B.B. GIVEN FOOTBALL UP, TOO?
B.M.X. CLUB
READER'S VOICE
THIS IS THE PLACE!
HEAD
FOOTBALL IN HELMETS?
READER'S VOICE
BNO 27.4.85
THIS KEEPS US ALL HAPPY—BMX-BALL!
BOOT

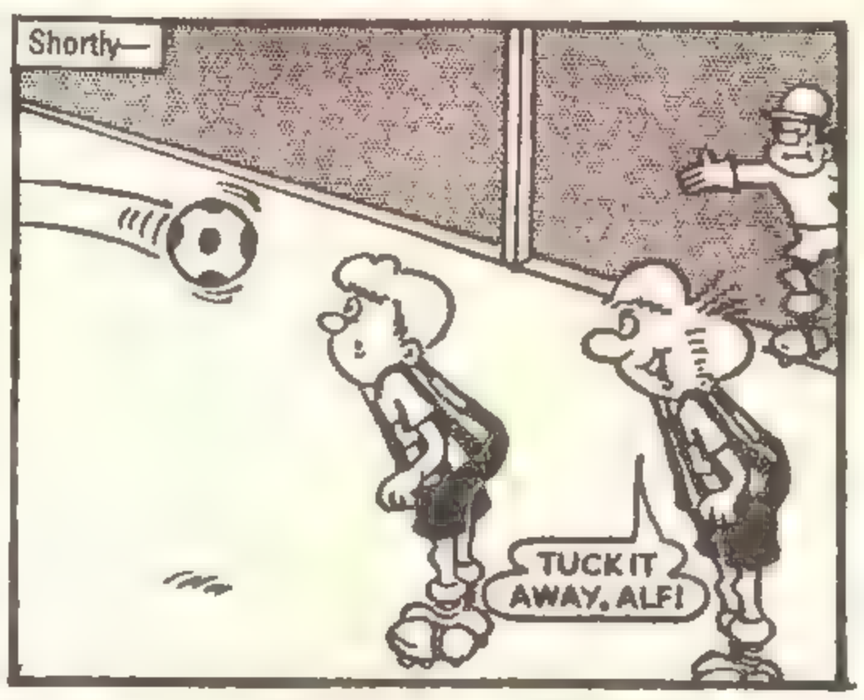
BALL BOY

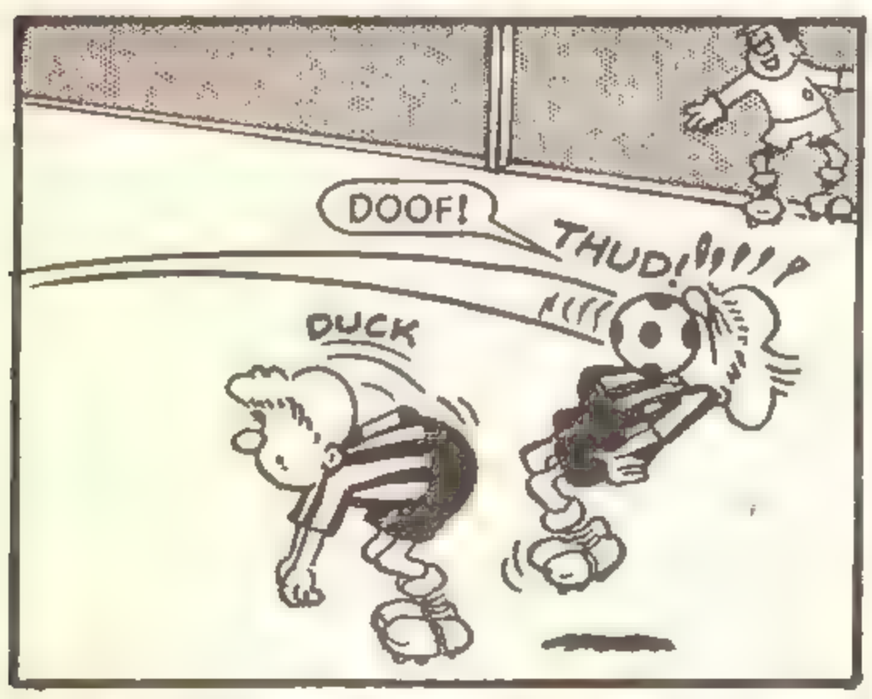

HEAD IT, ALF!


HEY! YOU DUCKED!
GRAB

Soon—
UP FOR IT, ALF!

FOUL! HAND BALL!
THUMP!
OF COURSE IT IS!


Shortly—
TUCK IT AWAY, ALF!


DOOF!
THUD!
DUCK

WHY DO YOU KEEP AVOIDING HEADING THE BALL?
MUM SAID I MUSTN'T, BECAUSE SHE READ IT WAS BAD FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP HEADING HEAVY FOOTBALLS.

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU WEAR SOMETHING ON YOUR HEAD LIKE THOSE RUGBY PLAYERS DO?

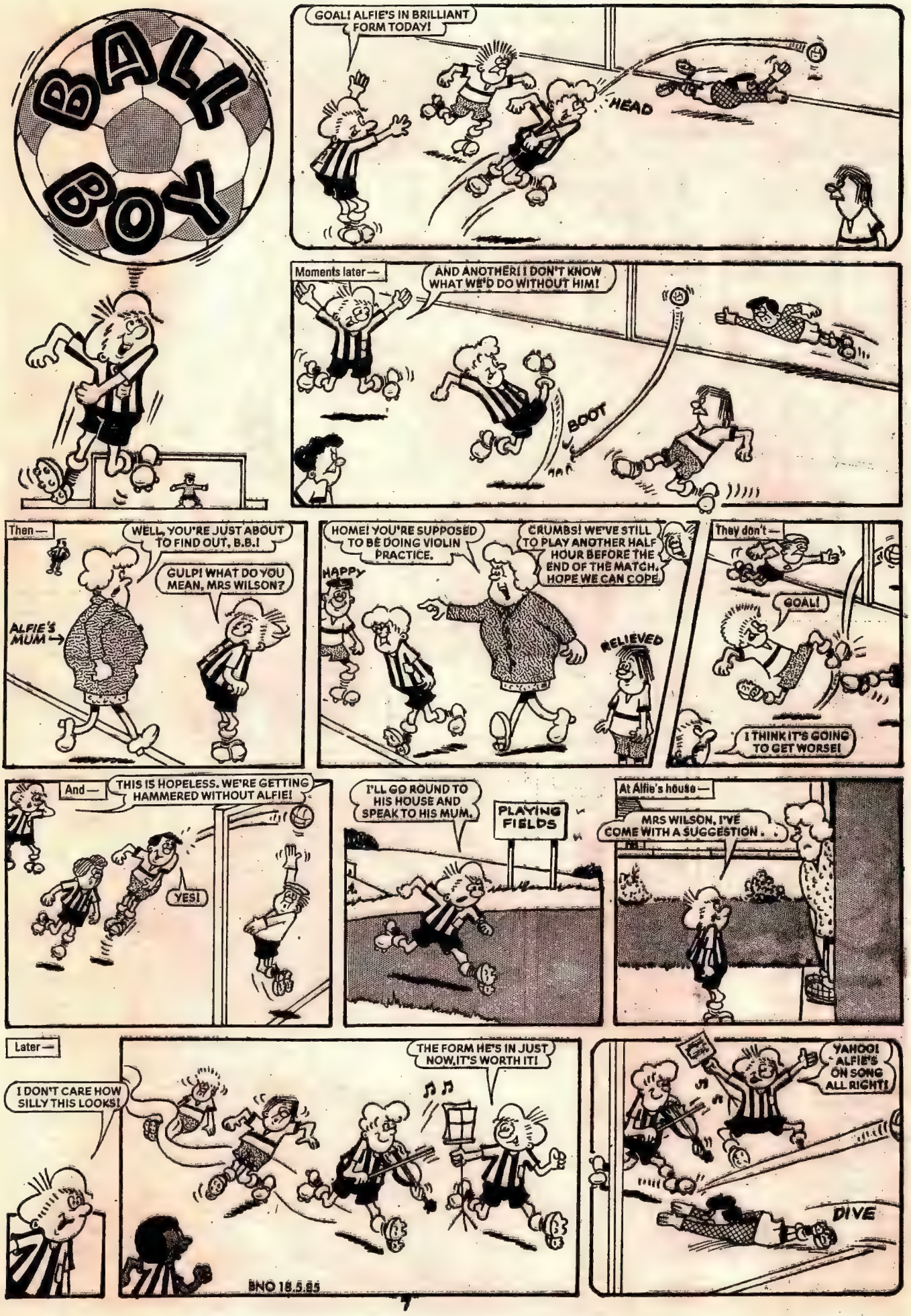
GOOD IDEA! I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND!
BNO 4.5.85

Later—
OK, B.B.! I CAN HEAD THE BALL NOW!
ALF'S VOICE
NO, ALF! DON'T!

BANG!

WHY THAT ONE?
WELL, MY DAD COLLECTS OLD WAR HELMETS!

BALL BOY
I'LL NEED THE RIGHT SORT OF BOOTS FOR TODAY'S CONDITIONS.
THESE ARE JUST THE THINGS . . .
Outside—
. . . FOR THIS SORT OF WEATHER!
YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED ELEVEN MEN.
B-BUT WE'VE ONLY GOT ELEVEN!
WHAT ABOUT THOSE EXTRA DEFENDERS?
Soon—
I'M SOAKED THROUGH— MY JERSEY IS STARTING TO STRETCH!
Near full-time—
WHERE'S THE BALL GONE?
HEH! HEH! HERE IT IS!
Suddenly—
YIKES! THE RIVER'S BURST ITS BANKS!
I'M BOUND TO SCORE!
SWOOSH!
EH?
SWOOSH!
BNO 11.5.85
At the other end of the pitch—
WOOSH!
DUCK
WHAT A FREAK GOAL!
YES! THE WINNER! WE'VE BEATEN BALL BOY'S TEAM YAHOO!


BALL BOY
GOAL! ALFIE'S IN BRILLIANT FORM TODAY!
HEAD
Moments later —
AND ANOTHER! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT HIM!
BOOT
Then —
WELL, YOU'RE JUST ABOUT TO FIND OUT, B.B.!
GULP! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MRS WILSON?
ALFIE'S MUM →
HOME! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING VIOLIN PRACTICE.
CRUMBS! WE'VE STILL TO PLAY ANOTHER HALF HOUR BEFORE THE END OF THE MATCH. HOPE WE CAN COPE.
HAPPY
RELIEVED
They don't —
GOAL!
I THINK IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE!
And —
THIS IS HOPELESS. WE'RE GETTING HAMMERED WITHOUT ALFIE!
YES!
I'LL GO ROUND TO HIS HOUSE AND SPEAK TO HIS MUM.
PLAYING FIELDS
At Alfie's house —
MRS WILSON, I'VE COME WITH A SUGGESTION . . .
Later —
I DON'T CARE HOW SILLY THIS LOOKS!
THE FORM HE'S IN JUST NOW, IT'S WORTH IT!
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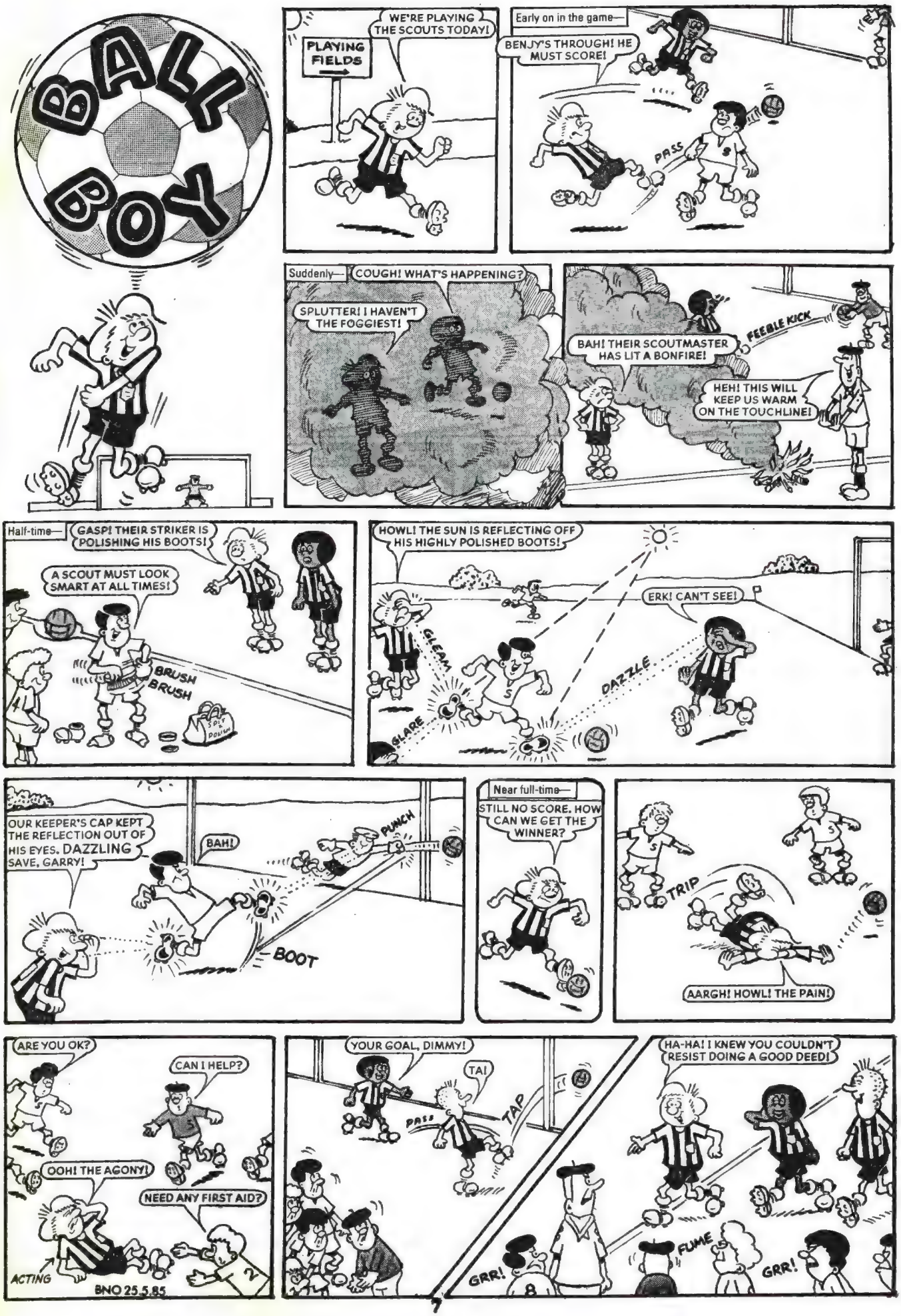
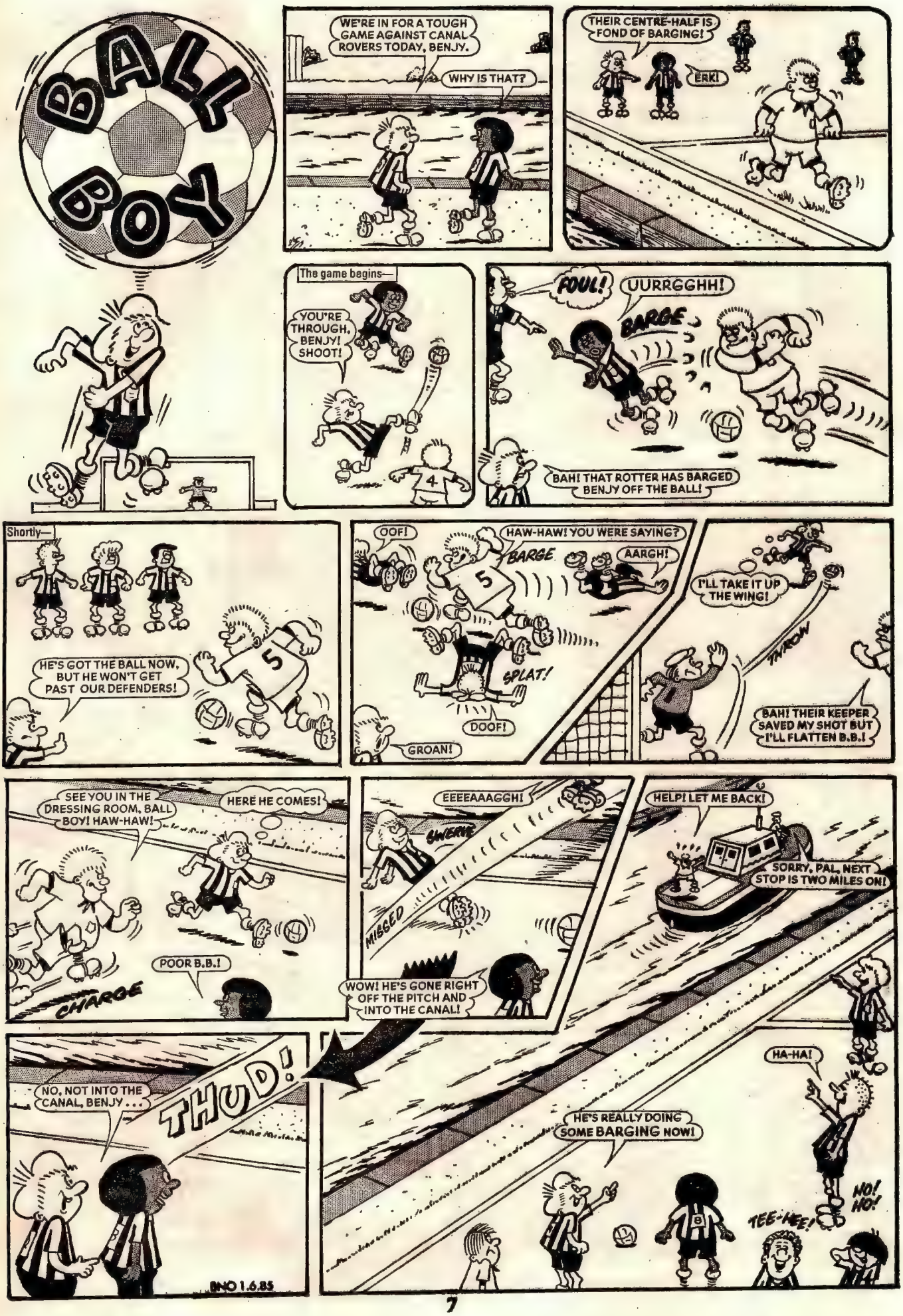
YAHOO! ALFIE'S ON SONG ALL RIGHT!
DIVE


BALL BOY
PLAYING FIELDS
WE'RE PLAYING THE SCOUTS TODAY!
Early on in the game—
BENJY'S THROUGH! HE MUST SCORE!
PASS
Suddenly—
COUGH! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SPLUTTER! I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST!
BAH! THEIR SCOUTMASTER HAS LIT A BONFIRE!
FEEBLE KICK
HEH! THIS WILL KEEP US WARM ON THE TOUCHLINE!
Half-time—
GASP! THEIR STRIKER IS POLISHING HIS BOOTS!
A SCOUT MUST LOOK SMART AT ALL TIMES!
BRUSH
BRUSH
HOWL! THE SUN IS REFLECTING OFF HIS HIGHLY POLISHED BOOTS!
ERK! CAN'T SEE!
GLEAM
GLARE
DAZZLE
OUR KEEPER'S CAP KEPT THE REFLECTION OUT OF HIS EYES. DAZZLING SAVE, GARRY!
BAH!
PUNCH
BOOT
Near full-time—
STILL NO SCORE. HOW CAN WE GET THE WINNER?
TRIP
AARGH! HOWL! THE PAIN!
ARE YOU OK?
CAN I HELP?
OOH! THE AGONY!
NEED ANY FIRST AID?
ACTING
BNO 25.5.85
YOUR GOAL, DIMMY!
TA!
PASS
TAP
HA-HA! I KNEW YOU COULDN'T RESIST DOING A GOOD DEED!
GRR!
FUME
GRR!


BALL BOY
WE'RE IN FOR A TOUGH GAME AGAINST CANAL ROVERS TODAY, BENJY.
WHY IS THAT?
THEIR CENTRE-HALF IS FOND OF BARGING!
ERK!
The game begins—
YOU'RE THROUGH, BENJY! SHOOT!
FOUL!
UURRGGHH!
BARGE
BAH! THAT ROTTER HAS BARGED BENJY OFF THE BALL!
Shortly—
HE'S GOT THE BALL NOW, BUT HE WON'T GET PAST OUR DEFENDERS!
OOF!
HAW-HAW! YOU WERE SAYING?
BARGE
AARGH!
SPLAT!
DOOF!
GROAN!
I'LL TAKE IT UP THE WING!
THROW
BAH! THEIR KEEPER SAVED MY SHOT BUT I'LL FLATTEN B.B.!
SEE YOU IN THE DRESSING ROOM, BALL BOY! HAW-HAW!
HERE HE COMES!
POOR B.B.!
CHARGE
EEEEAAAGGH!
SWERVE
MISSED
WOW! HE'S GONE RIGHT OFF THE PITCH AND INTO THE CANAL!
HELP! LET ME BACK!
SORRY, PAL, NEXT STOP IS TWO MILES ON!
NO, NOT INTO THE CANAL, BENJY . . .
THUD!
BNO 1.6.85
HA-HA!
HE'S REALLY DOING SOME BARGING NOW!
TEE-HEE!
HO! HO!

BALL BOY

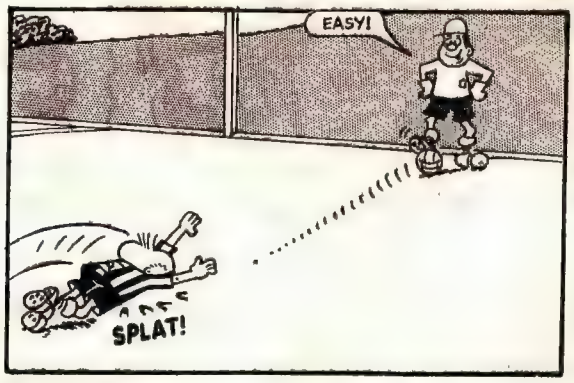
HAW-HAW!
SLICE
ERK! WHAT A MISS!
BOOT

Soon—
I'LL SCORE THIS TIME!

HEH!
GASP! WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY RIGHT FOOT TODAY?
SLICE
BOOT

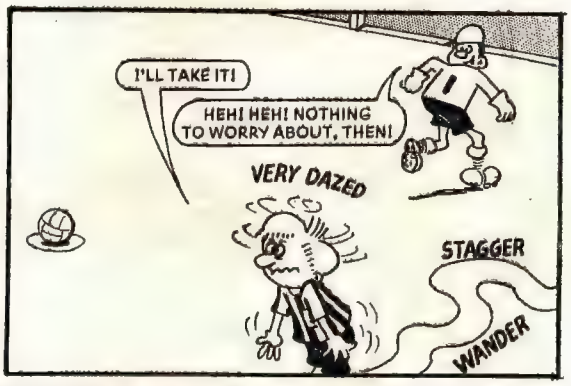
Shortly—
I'LL TRY SHOOTING WITH MY LEFT FOOT INSTEAD!

OUCH!
URGH!
STUB

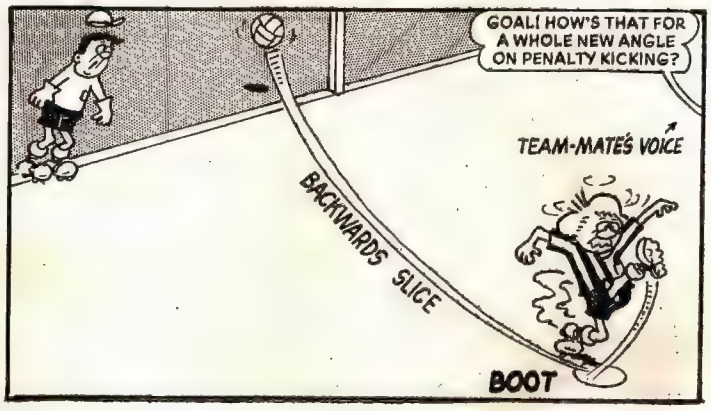

EASY!
SPLAT!

COME ON, RIGHT FOOT, SCORE THIS TIME!

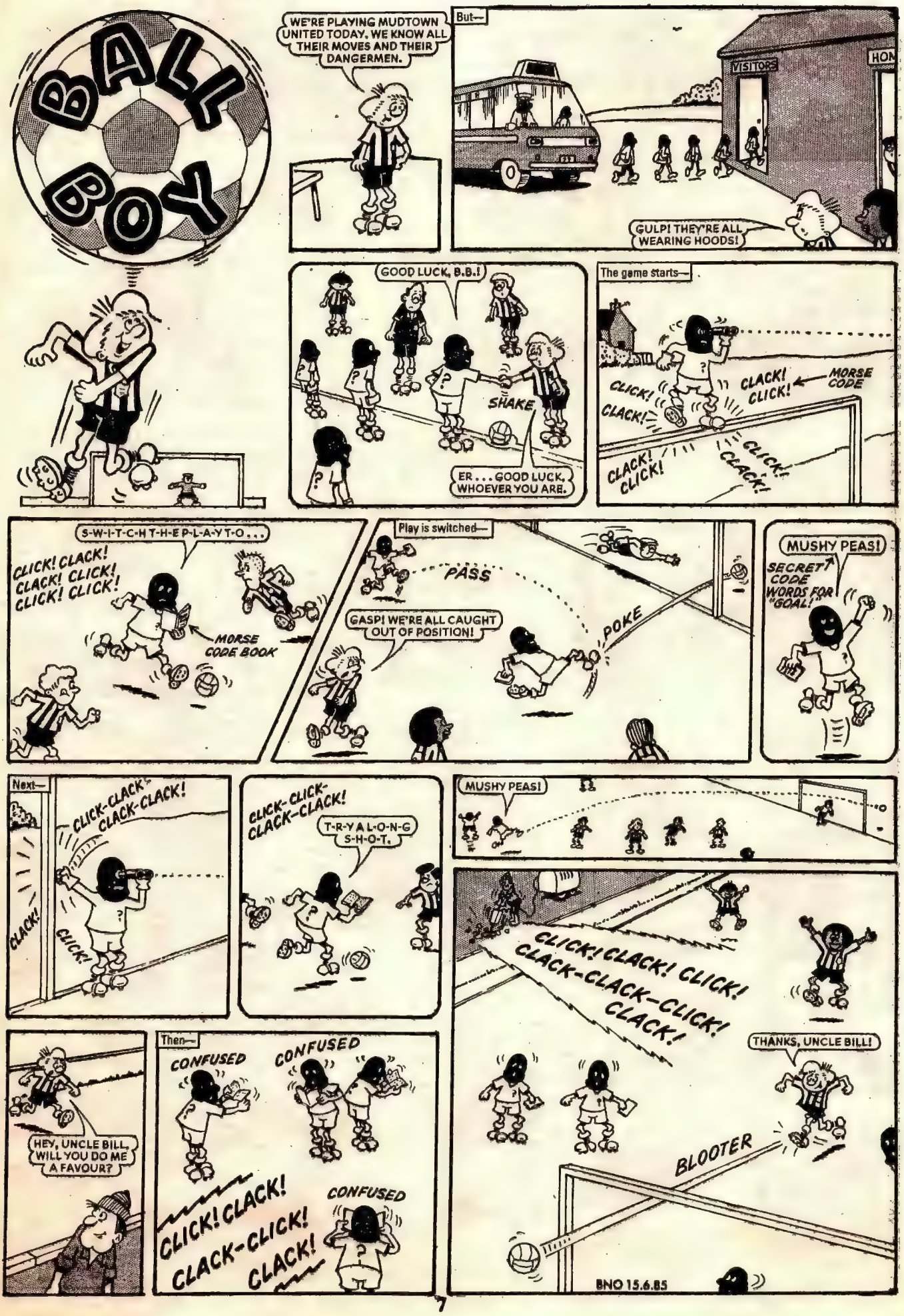
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT. HE WOULD'VE MISSED ANYWAY!
TRIP
SPLAT!
PENALTY!


I'LL TAKE IT!
HEH! HEH! NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, THEN!
VERY DAZED
STAGGER
WANDER

GULP!
HEY, B.B.! CAN YOU SLICE BREAD AS WELL AS YOU CAN SLICE FOOTBALLS? HEH-HEH!


GOAL! HOW'S THAT FOR A WHOLE NEW ANGLE ON PENALTY KICKING?
TEAM-MATE'S VOICE
BACKWARDS SLICE
BOOT

BNO 8.6.85


BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING MUDTOWN UNITED TODAY. WE KNOW ALL THEIR MOVES AND THEIR DANGERMEN.
But—
VISITORS
GULP! THEY'RE ALL WEARING HOODS!
GOOD LUCK, B.B.!
SHAKE
ER . . . GOOD LUCK, WHOEVER YOU ARE.
The game starts—
CLICK! CLACK!
CLACK! CLICK!
MORSE CODE
CLACK! CLICK!
CLICK! CLACK!
S-W-I-T-C-H T-H-E P-L-A-Y T-O . . .
CLICK! CLACK! CLACK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!
MORSE CODE BOOK
Play is switched—
PASS
GASP! WE'RE ALL CAUGHT OUT OF POSITION!
POKE
MUSHY PEAS!
SECRET CODE WORDS FOR "GOAL!"
Next—
CLICK-CLACK-CLACK-CLACK!
CLACK!
CLICK!
CLICK-CLICK-CLACK-CLACK!
T-R-Y A L-O-N-G S-H-O-T.
MUSHY PEAS!
CLICK! CLACK! CLICK! CLACK-CLACK-CLICK! CLACK!
THANKS, UNCLE BILL!
BLOOTER
HEY, UNCLE BILL, WILL YOU DO ME A FAVOUR?
Then—
CONFUSED
CONFUSED
CLICK! CLACK! CLACK-CLICK! CLACK!
CONFUSED
BNO 15.6.85

BALL BOY

WHAT A STATE THIS OLD PITCH IS IN. IT'S TIME THEY HAD THE NEW ONE READY!

WATCH THIS FOR A PIECE OF SKILL!

But—
OOF!
TRIP

PESKY HOLE!
GLARE

Next—
WHAT A SHOT! DEAD ON TARGET!
ROCKET

THUD!
HUH! IT WAS UNTIL IT HIT THAT LUMP!

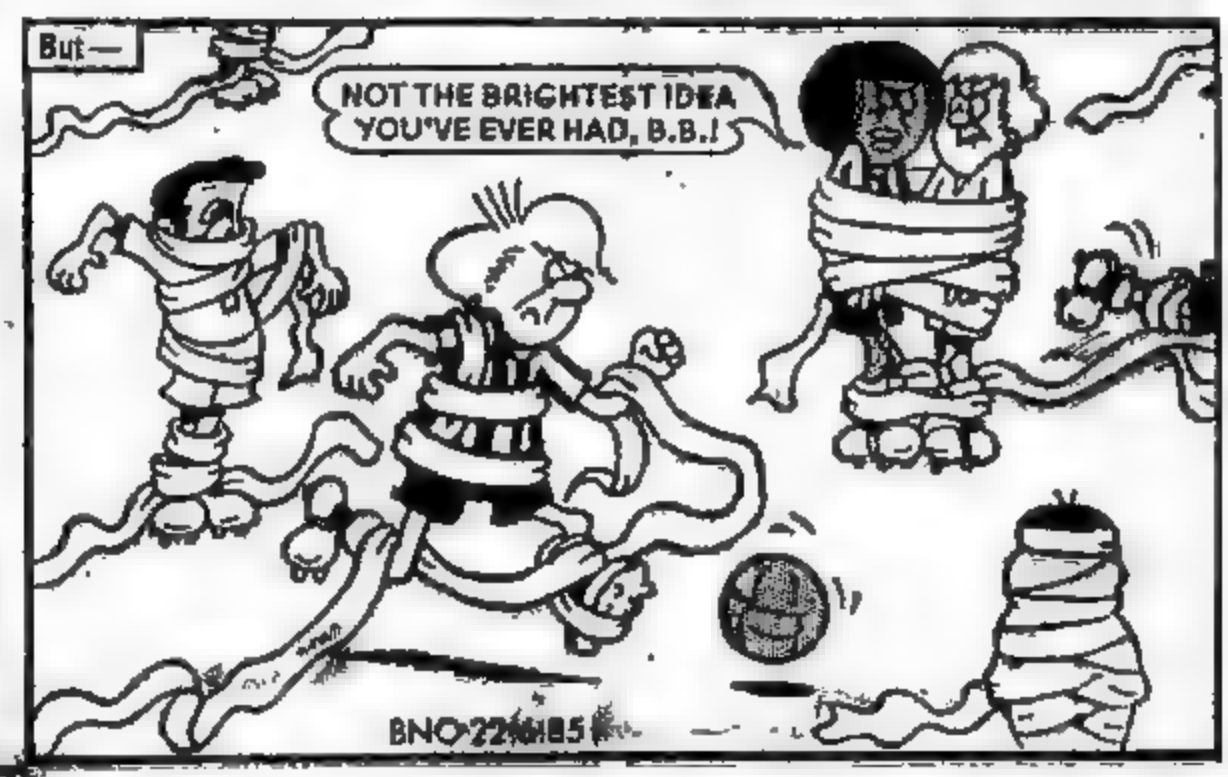
THUD!
CLUNK!
OUCH!

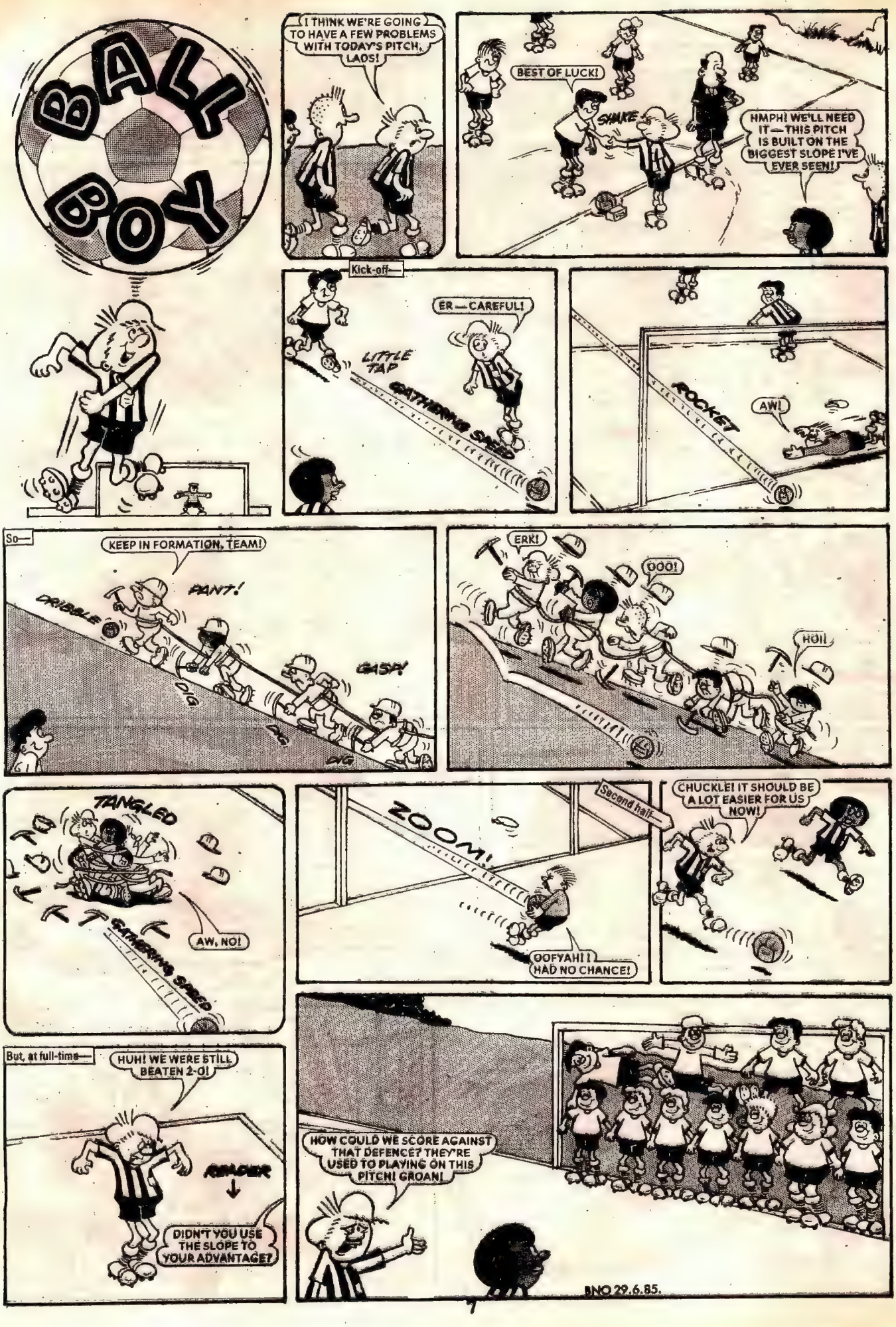
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'M GOING TO COMPLAIN TO THE PARK KEEPER!

YOU COULD USE THIS NEW PITCH RIGHT NOW, B.B., BUT IT HASN'T BEEN MARKED YET BECAUSE THE LINING MACHINE HAS BROKEN.
THAT'S OK—WE'LL MARK IT OUT OURSELVES!

COME ON! HELP ME FIND AS MANY BANDAGES AS YOU CAN.
EH?

Much later—
THERE! WE CAN PLAY NOW, USING THE BANDAGES AS THE PITCH MARKINGS!


But—
NOT THE BRIGHTEST IDEA YOU'VE EVER HAD, B.B.!


BALL BOY
I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A FEW PROBLEMS WITH TODAY'S PITCH, LADS!
BEST OF LUCK!
SHAKE
HMPH! WE'LL NEED IT — THIS PITCH IS BUILT ON THE BIGGEST SLOPE I'VE EVER SEEN!!
Kick-off—
ER — CAREFUL!
LITTLE TAP
GATHERING SPEED
ROCKET
AW!
So—
KEEP IN FORMATION, TEAM!
PANT!
DRIBBLE
GASP!
DIG
DIG
DIG
ERK!
OOO!
HOI!
TANGLED
AW, NO!
GATHERING SPEED
ZOOM!
OOFYAH! I HAD NO CHANCE!
Second half—
CHUCKLE! IT SHOULD BE A LOT EASIER FOR US NOW!
But, at full-time—
HUH! WE WERE STILL BEATEN 2-0!
REACHER
DIDN'T YOU USE THE SLOPE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE?
HOW COULD WE SCORE AGAINST THAT DEFENCE? THEY'RE USED TO PLAYING ON THIS PITCH! GROAN!
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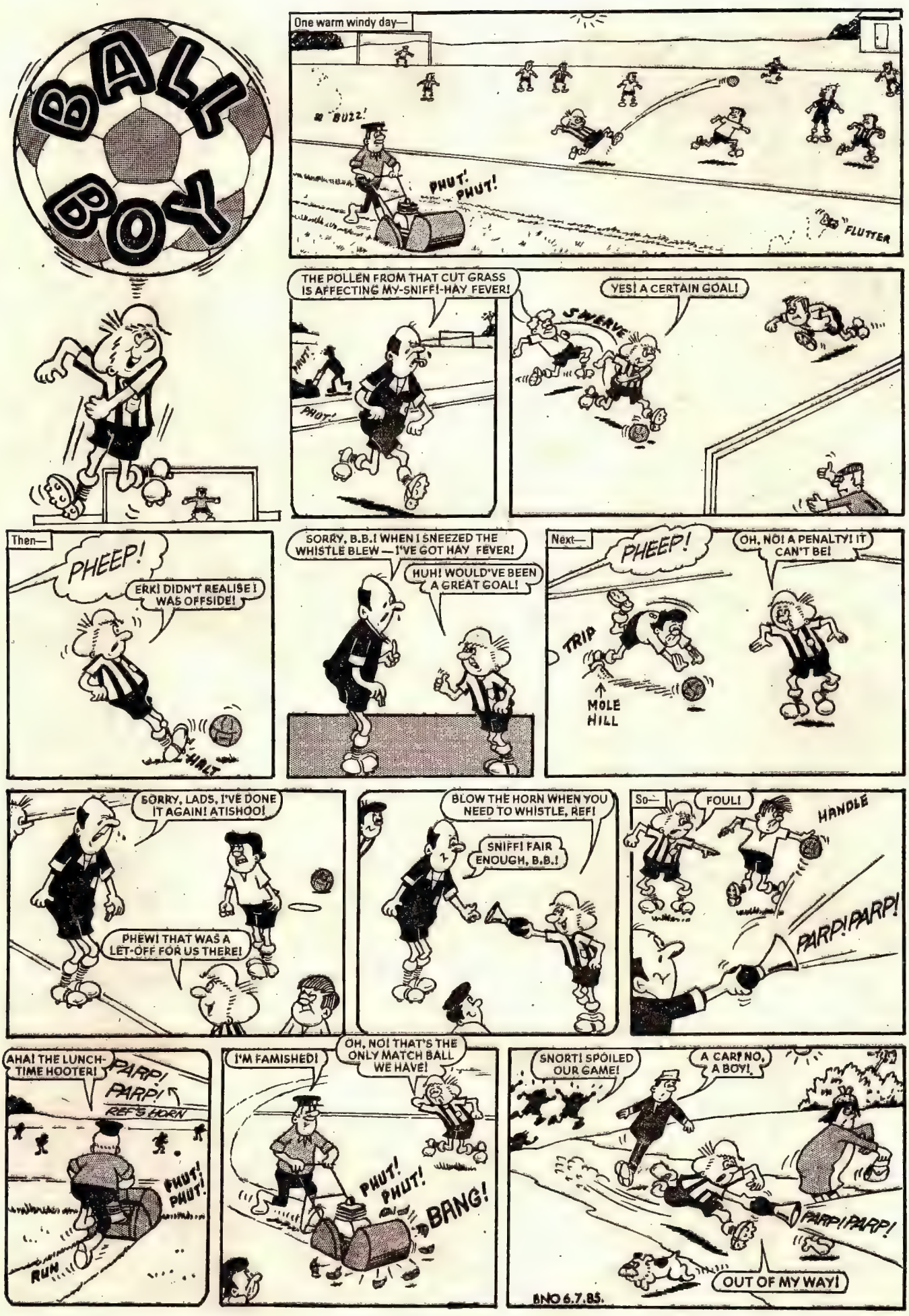
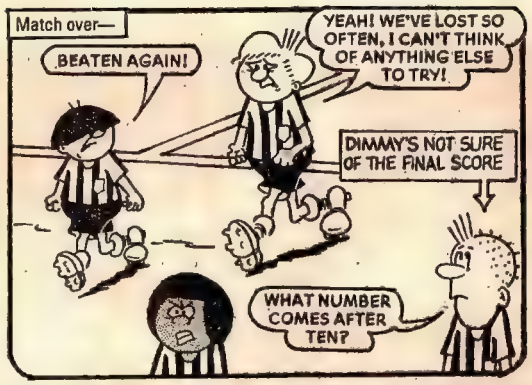
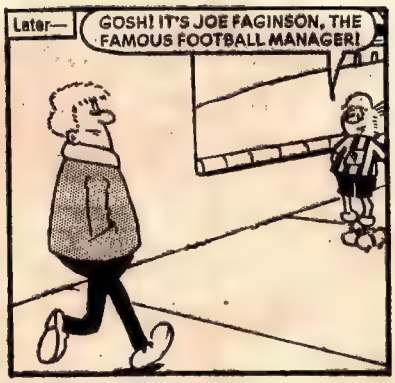
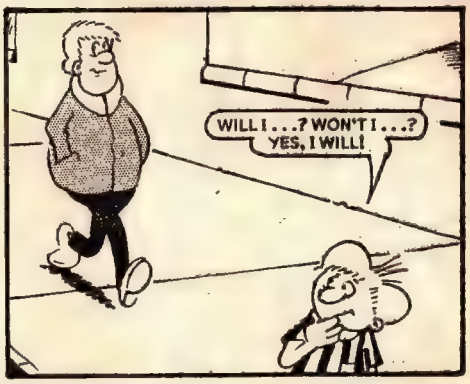

BALL BOY
One warm windy day—
BUZZ!
PHUT! PHUT!
FLUTTER
THE POLLEN FROM THAT CUT GRASS IS AFFECTING MY-SNIFF!-HAY FEVER!
PHUT!
PHUT!
YES! A CERTAIN GOAL!
SWERVE
Then—
PHEEP!
ERK! DIDN'T REALISE I WAS OFFSIDE!
HALT
SORRY, B.B.! WHEN I SNEEZED THE WHISTLE BLEW — I'VE GOT HAY FEVER!
HUH! WOULD'VE BEEN A GREAT GOAL!
Next—
PHEEP!
OH, NO! A PENALTY! IT CAN'T BE!
TRIP
MOLE HILL
SORRY, LADS, I'VE DONE IT AGAIN! ATISHOO!
PHEW! THAT WAS A LET-OFF FOR US THERE!
BLOW THE HORN WHEN YOU NEED TO WHISTLE, REF!
SNIFF! FAIR ENOUGH, B.B.!
So—
FOUL!
HANDLE
PARP! PARP!
AHA! THE LUNCH-TIME HOOTER!
PARP! PARP!
REF'S HORN
PHUT! PHUT!
RUN
I'M FAMISHED!
OH, NO! THAT'S THE ONLY MATCH BALL WE HAVE!
PHUT! PHUT!
BANG!
SNORT! SPOILED OUR GAME!
A CAR! NO, A BOY!
PARP! PARP!
OUT OF MY WAY!
BNO 6.7.85.

BALL BOY

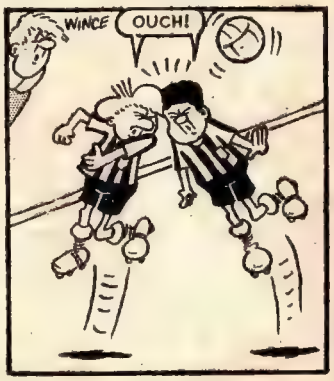

Match over—
BEATEN AGAIN!
YEAH! WE'VE LOST SO OFTEN, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE TO TRY!
DIMMY'S NOT SURE OF THE FINAL SCORE
WHAT NUMBER COMES AFTER TEN?

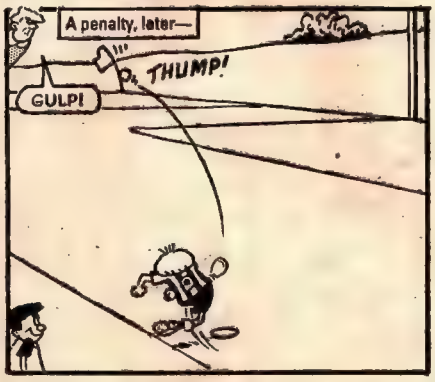

Later—
GOSH! IT'S JOE FAGINSON, THE FAMOUS FOOTBALL MANAGER!


WILL I . . .? WON'T I . . .? YES, I WILL!

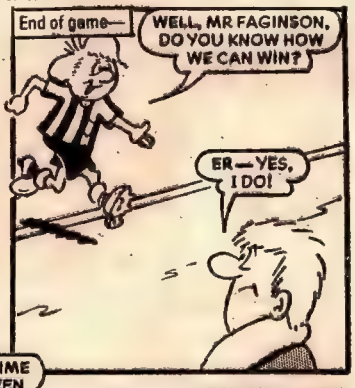
PLEASE, MR FAGINSON, COME AND WATCH MY TEAM PLAY AND TELL US HOW WE CAN WIN.
ER — WELL, OK, B.B.—TELL ME WHEN YOUR NEXT GAME IS!

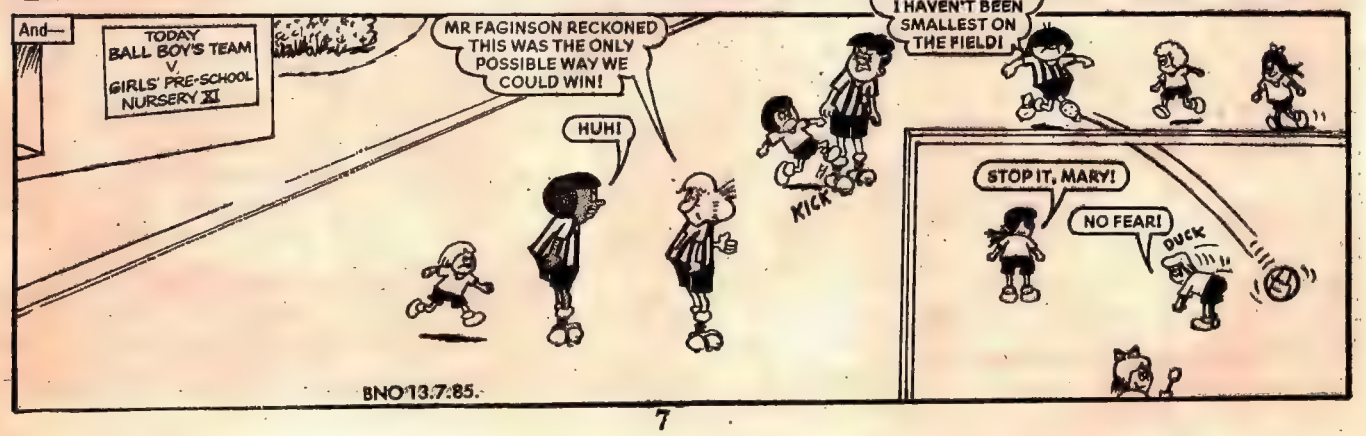
So—
OOPS!
MISS
WINCE


WINCE
OUCH!


A penalty, later—
GULP!
THUMP!

And—
WOOPS!
B.B.'S GOALKEEPER
TRUNDLE
SOFT PASS BACK
GROAN!


End of game—
WELL, MR FAGINSON, DO YOU KNOW HOW WE CAN WIN?
ER — YES, I DO!


And—
TODAY BALL BOY'S TEAM V GIRLS' PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY XI
MR FAGINSON RECKONED THIS WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY WE COULD WIN!
HUH!
KICK
HUH! FIRST TIME I HAVEN'T BEEN SMALLEST ON THE FIELD!
STOP IT, MARY!
NO FEAR!
DUCK
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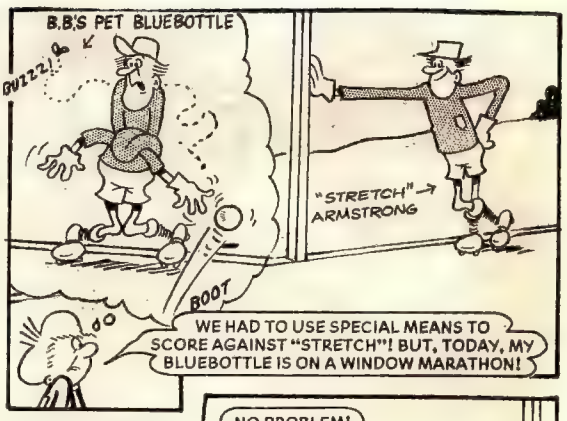
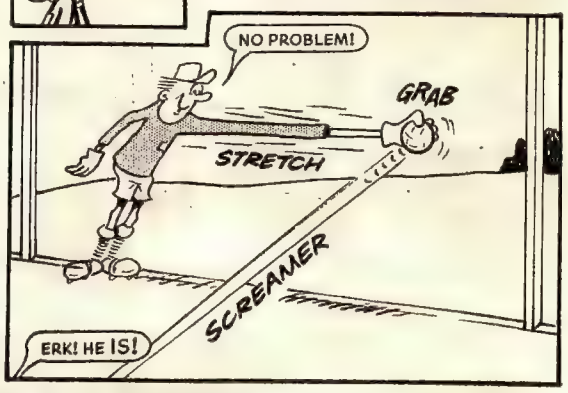
BALL BOY

ERK! LOOK WHO'S BACK, LADS!
NO, DIMMY'S NOT RUNNING IN – HE'S RUNNING OUT.

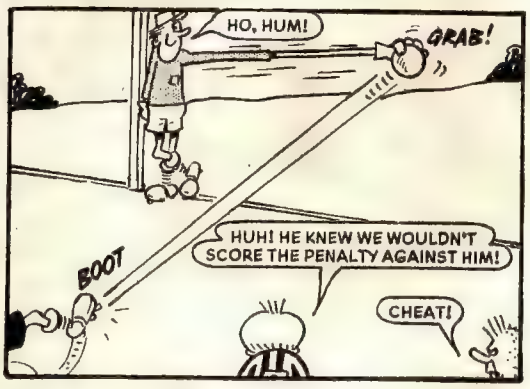

B.B.'S PET BLUEBOTTLE
BUZZZ!
"STRETCH" ARMSTRONG
BOOT
WE HAD TO USE SPECIAL MEANS TO SCORE AGAINST "STRETCH"! BUT, TODAY, MY BLUEBOTTLE IS ON A WINDOW MARATHON!

Game starts —
LET'S SEE IF HE'S STILL AS GOOD!


NO PROBLEM!
GRAB
STRETCH
SCREAMER
ERK! HE IS!

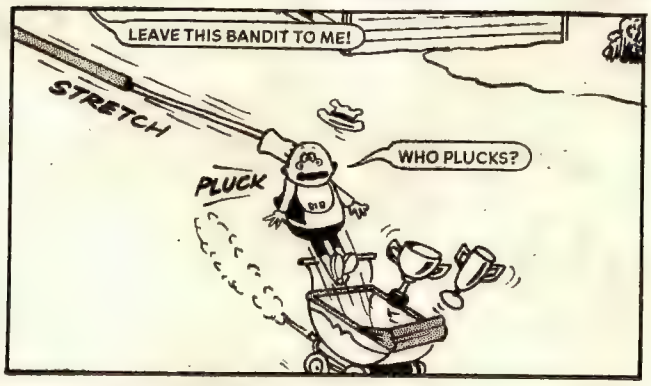
Next —
GRR!
HEH!
STRETCH
WHO PUT THE LIGHTS OUT?

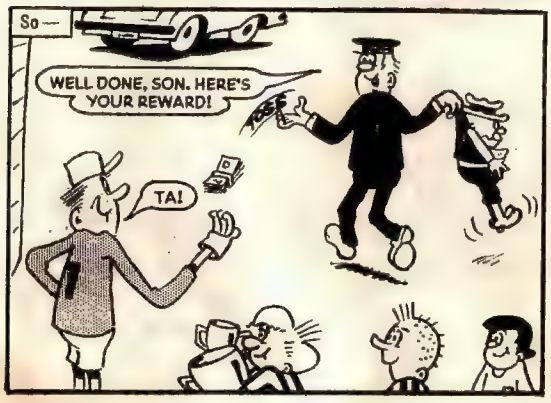
And —
HEE-HEE! I'VE CAUGHT HIM OUT OF POSITION. I CAN'T MISS — URGH!
GRIP
PENALTY!
OH, NO! NOT A PENALTY!

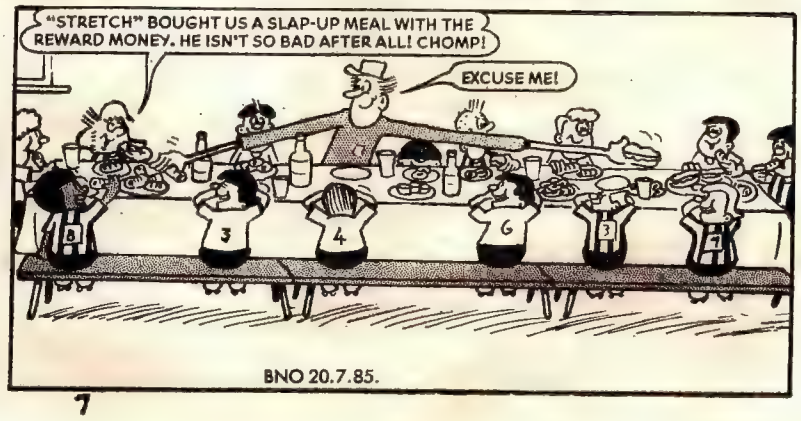

HO, HUM!
GRAB!
BOOT
HUH! HE KNEW WE WOULDN'T SCORE THE PENALTY AGAINST HIM!
CHEAT!

A high ball —
OOOF!
ZUNK!
ZUNK!
UGH!
CROSS
JUMP
JUMP
HE'S GOT THE BETTER OF US, THIS TIME!
NO WONDER HE'S CALLED "ARMSTRONG", TOO!

Suddenly —
YUCKLE!
LOOK! "BABY-FACE" FINLAYSON IS STEALING OUR TROPHIES!


LEAVE THIS BANDIT TO ME!
STRETCH
PLUCK
WHO PLUCKS?


So —
WELL DONE, SON. HERE'S YOUR REWARD!
TA!

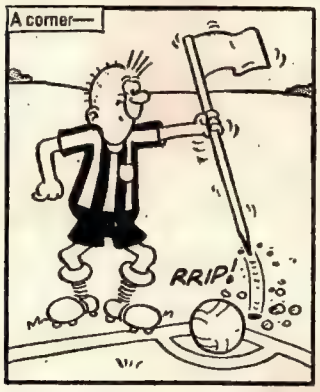

"STRETCH" BOUGHT US A SLAP-UP MEAL WITH THE REWARD MONEY. HE ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL! CHOMP!
EXCUSE ME!
BNO 20.7.85.

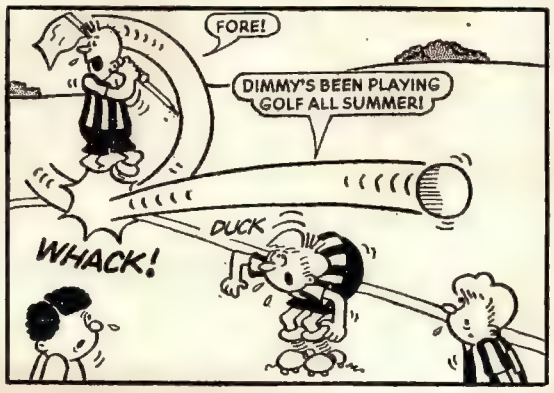
BALL BOY

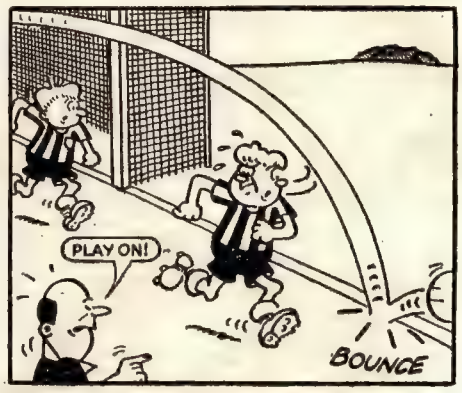
I HATE THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON...

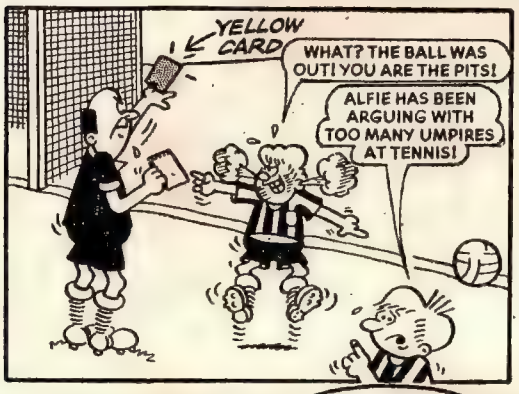
MY TEAM-MATES HAVE BEEN PLAYING SUMMER SPORTS...

HOWZAT!
BENJY HAS BEEN PLAYING – CRICKET
...AND KEEP FORGETTING THEY'RE PLAYING FOOTBALL!


A corner—
RRIP!

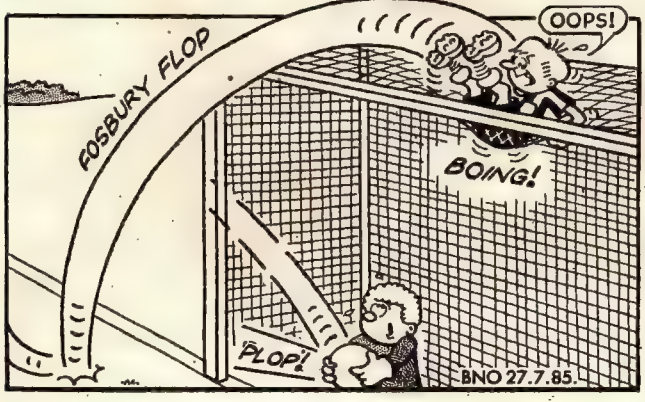

FORE!
DIMMY'S BEEN PLAYING GOLF ALL SUMMER!
DUCK
WHACK!


PLAY ON!
BOUNCE


YELLOW CARD
WHAT? THE BALL WAS OUT! YOU ARE THE PITS!
ALFIE HAS BEEN ARGUING WITH TOO MANY UMPIRES AT TENNIS!

STEVE'S BEEN SWIMMING ALL SUMMER!
KICK
KICK
SPLISHY SPLOSH!

I'VE BEEN HIGH JUMPING TO HELP ME REACH HIGH CROSSES LIKE THIS!


FOSBURY FLOP
OOPS!
BOING!
PLOP!
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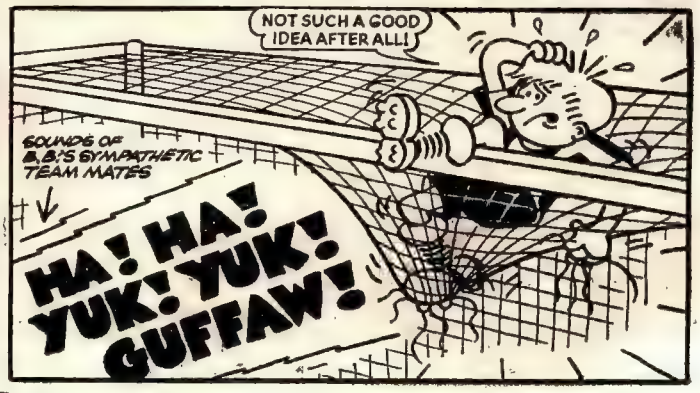
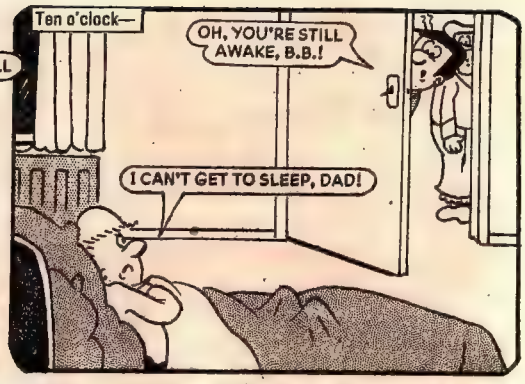

NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL!
SOUNDS OF B.B.'S SYMPATHETIC TEAM MATES
HA! HA! YUK! YUK! GUFFAW!

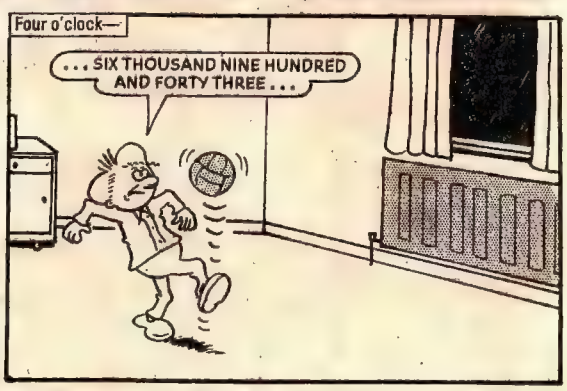
BALL BOY
PHEEP!
After a match—
SEE YOU AT THE CLUB DISCO TONIGHT, B.B.
OK, BENJY!
So—
ER—LIKE TO DANCE, VERONICA?
HMM! OK—BUT HOLD ON . . .
RUMMAGE
I'LL NEED THESE!
SHIN PADS
KICK
BOOT
MY LEGS ARE STILL SORE FROM THE LAST TIME I DANCED WITH YOU!
BLUSH
EMBARRASSED FIDGET
STUFF
So—
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I CAN TAKE A HINT!
BLUSH GIGGLE!
GREAT GAME TODAY, EH, BENJY?
NOD
DID YOU SEE THAT GOAL I SCORED FROM YOUR CROSS?
LEAP
THEN THERE WAS THE BICYCLE KICK I TRIED THAT HIT THE BAR!
SWIPE
AND WHAT ABOUT THE SLIDING TACKLE I MADE ON THEIR CENTRE-HALF . . .?
SLIDE
DO YOU REMEMBER THE SHIMMY AND TURN I DID WHEN I BEAT THE FULL-BACK?
SHIMMY
SWIVEL
Then—
WELL DONE! YOU'VE WON THE DISCO DANCE COMPETITION!
DISCO DANCE CHAMP
CLAP! CLAP!
DISCO DANCE CHAMP
FLUTTER
MY HERO!
CLAP! CLAP!
APPLAUSE
LOVER'S LEAP
BNO 3.8.85.

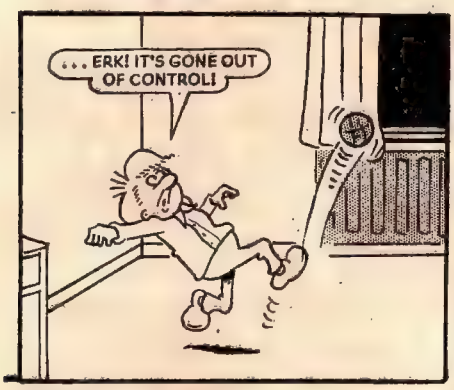
BALL BOY

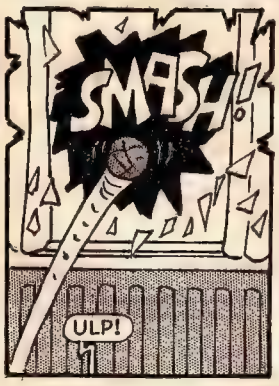
Nine o'clock—
HMPH! I CAN'T SLEEP! ALL MY PALS ARE ON HOLIDAY—NO-ONE TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH TO TIRE ME OUT!

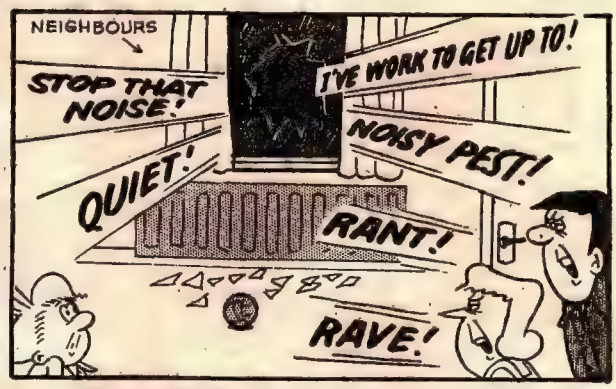

Ten o'clock—
OH, YOU'RE STILL AWAKE, B.B.!
I CAN'T GET TO SLEEP, DAD!

Eleven o'clock—
MAYBE IF I PLAY "KEEPIE-UP", IT WILL TIRE ME OUT!


Four o'clock—
. . . SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY THREE . . .

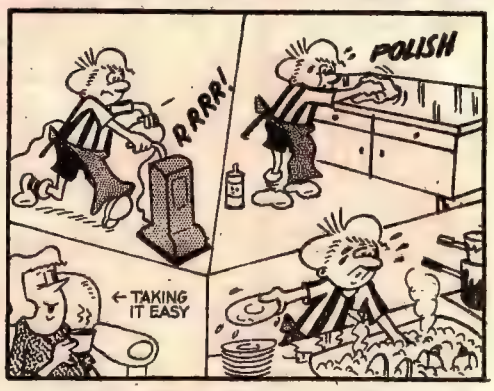

. . . ERK! IT'S GONE OUT OF CONTROL!

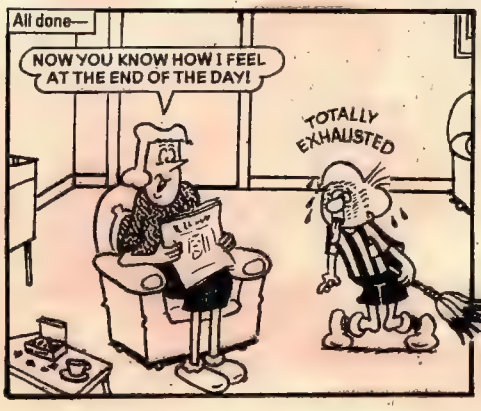

SMASH
ULP!

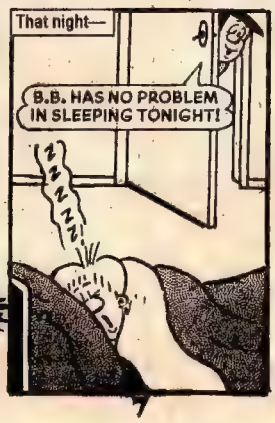

NEIGHBOURS
STOP THAT NOISE!
I'VE WORK TO GET UP TO!
NOISY PEST!
QUIET!
RANT!
RAVE!

Breakfast time—
HUH! NO FOOTBALL TO TIRE ME OUT TODAY!
I NEVER SLEPT A WINK LAST NIGHT AFTER YOU BROKE THAT WINDOW!
HMM!

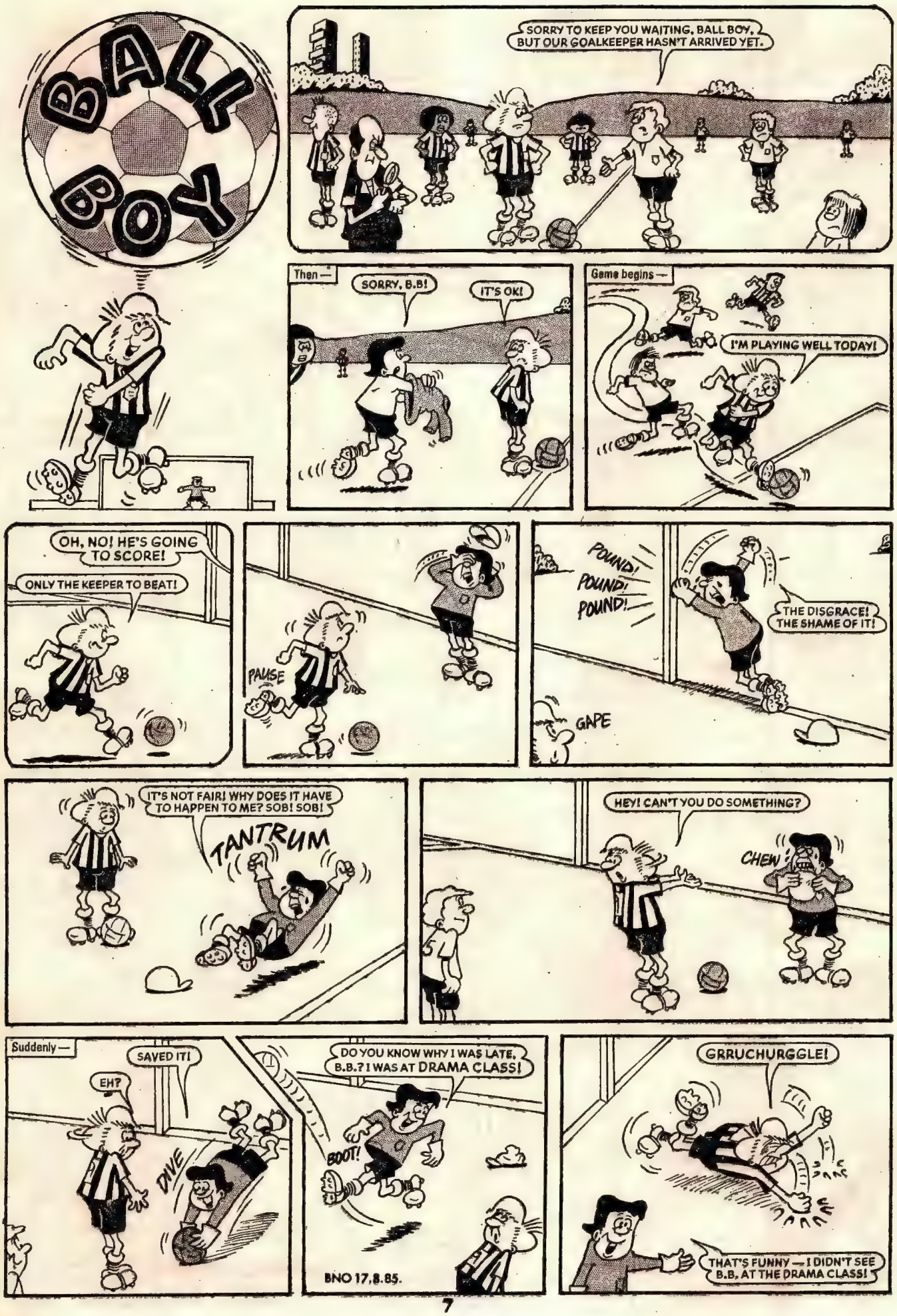
YOU CAN HELP ME ROUND THE HOUSE TODAY, SEEING THAT YOU'RE ON HOLIDAY!
HMPH! I SUPPOSE SO!


RRRR!
POLISH
← TAKING IT EASY


All done—
NOW YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL AT THE END OF THE DAY!
TOTALLY EXHAUSTED


That night—
B.B. HAS NO PROBLEM IN SLEEPING TONIGHT!
ZZZZZ

But—
I CAN'T SLEEP — NO HOUSEWORK TO TIRE ME OUT!
GROAN!


BALL BOY
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, BALL BOY, BUT OUR GOALKEEPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET.
Then —
SORRY, B.B!
IT'S OK!
Game begins —
I'M PLAYING WELL TODAY!
OH, NO! HE'S GOING TO SCORE!
ONLY THE KEEPER TO BEAT!
PAUSE
POUND! POUND! POUND!
THE DISGRACE! THE SHAME OF IT!
GAPE
IT'S NOT FAIR! WHY DOES IT HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME? SOB! SOB!
TANTRUM
HEY! CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?
CHEW
Suddenly —
SAVED IT!
EH?
DIVE
DO YOU KNOW WHY I WAS LATE, B.B.? I WAS AT DRAMA CLASS!
BOOT!
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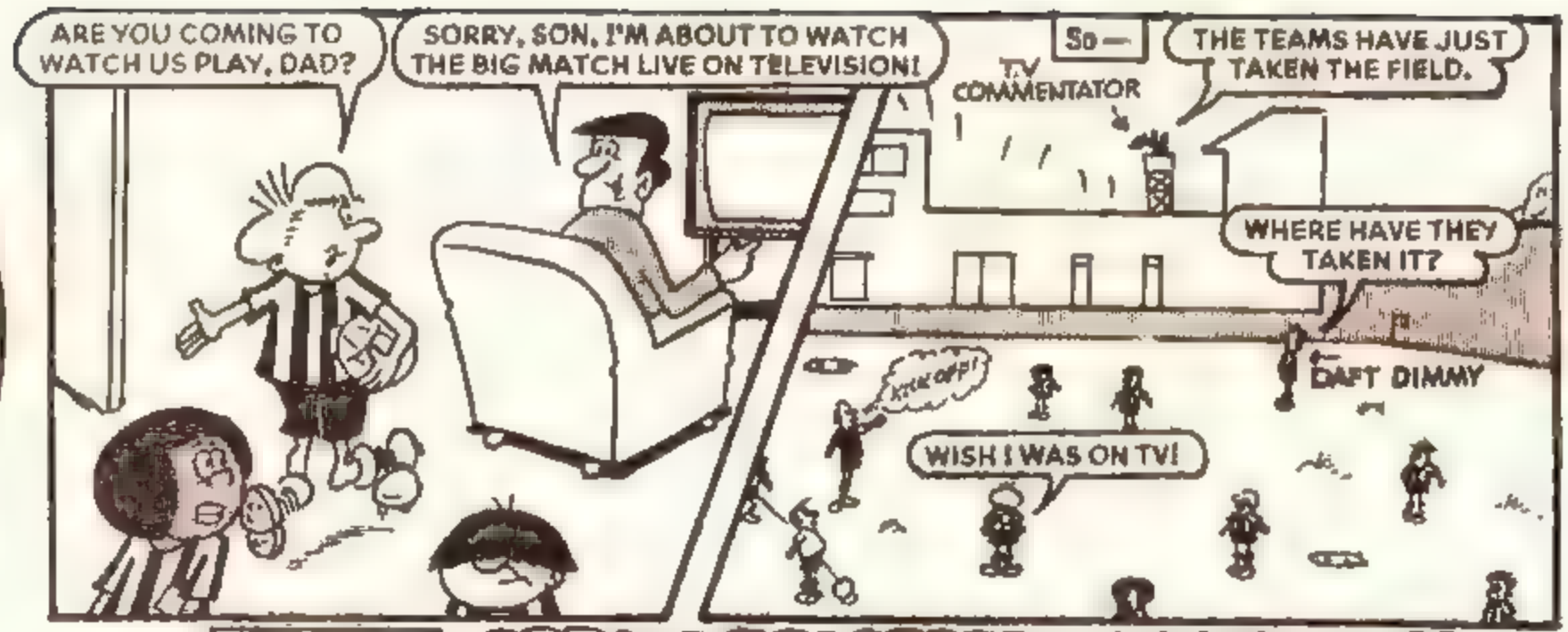
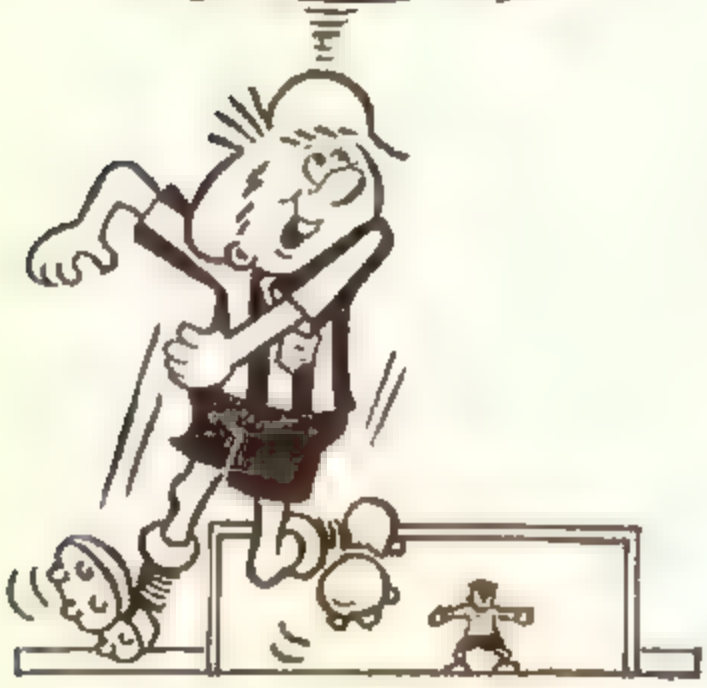
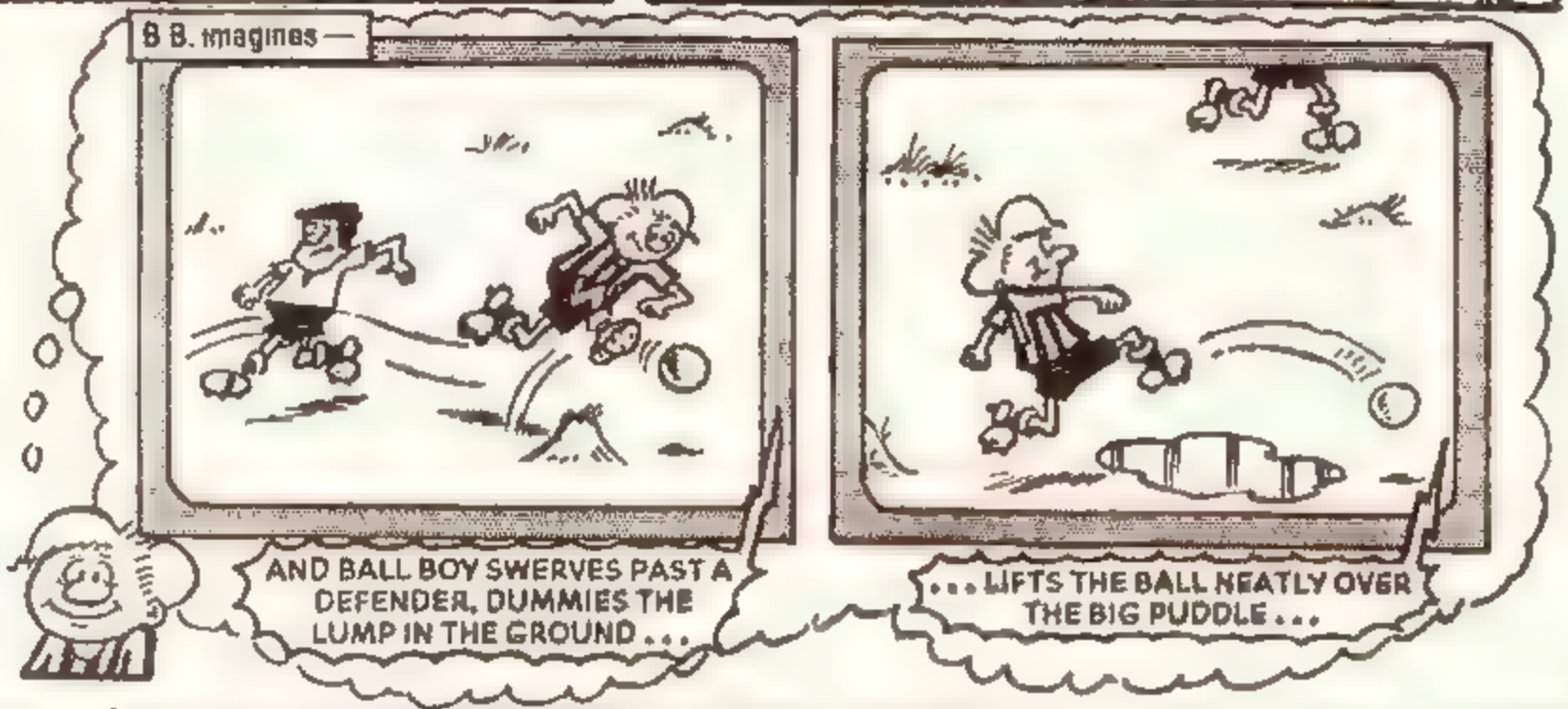
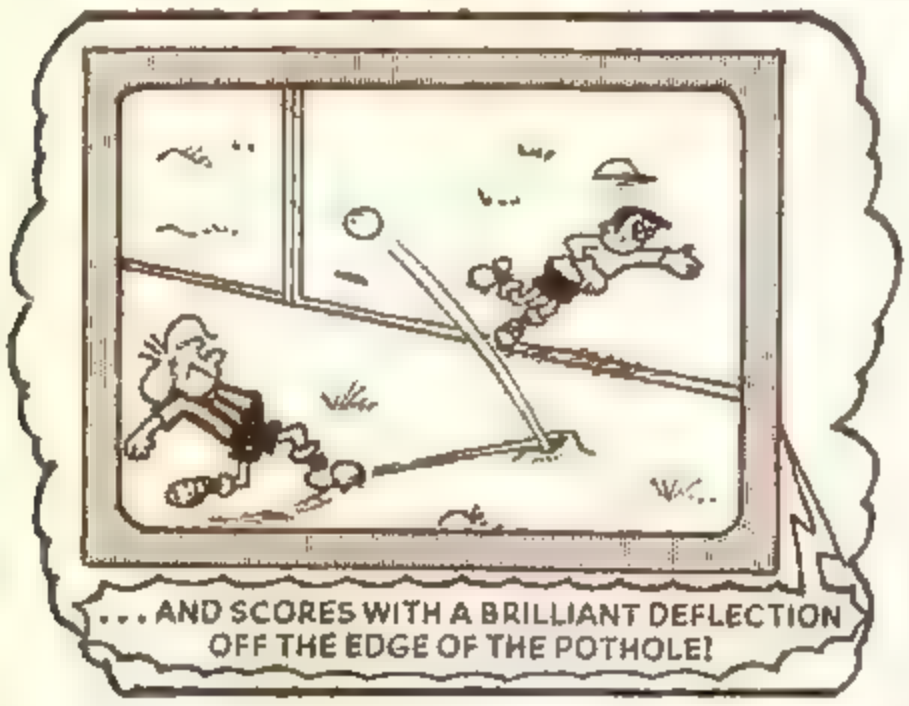
GRRUCHURGGLE!
THAT'S FUNNY — I DIDN'T SEE B.B. AT THE DRAMA CLASS!

BALL BOY

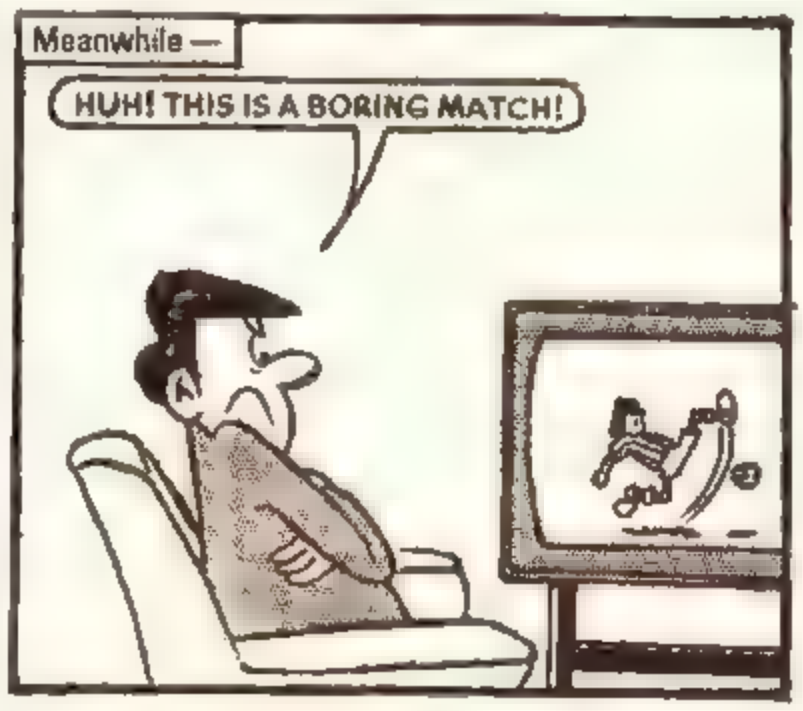

ARE YOU COMING TO WATCH US PLAY, DAD?
SORRY, SON, I'M ABOUT TO WATCH THE BIG MATCH LIVE ON TELEVISION!
So —
TV COMMENTATOR
THE TEAMS HAVE JUST TAKEN THE FIELD.
WHERE HAVE THEY TAKEN IT?
DAFT DIMMY
KICK OFF!
WISH I WAS ON TV!

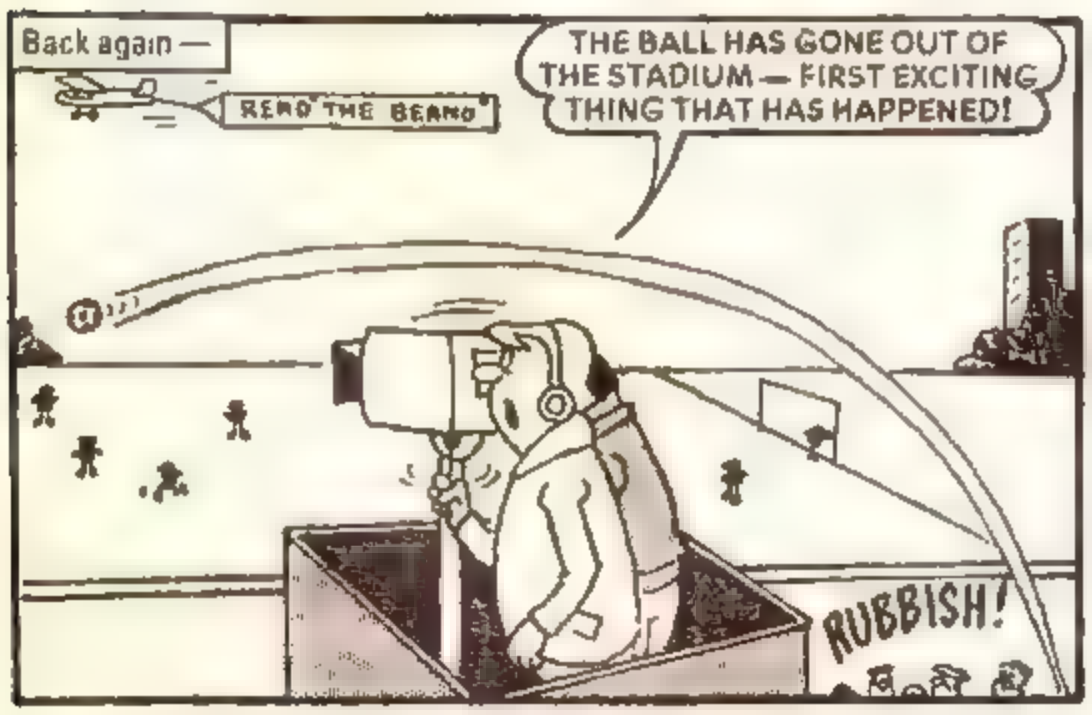


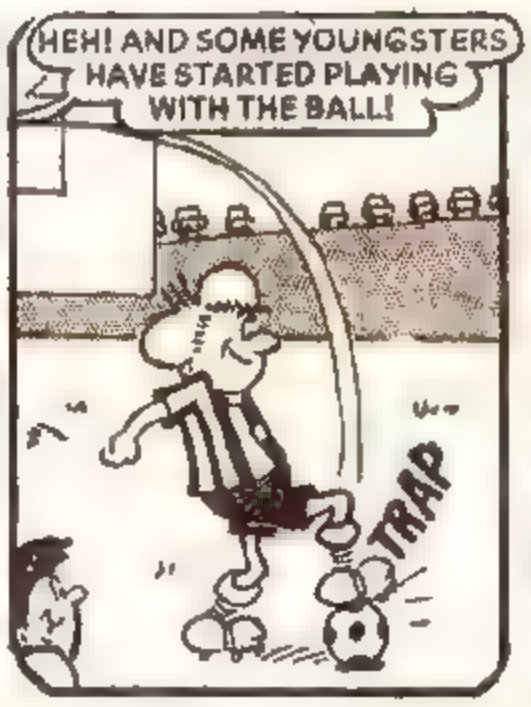

B B. imagines —
AND BALL BOY SWERVES PAST A DEFENDER, DUMMIES THE LUMP IN THE GROUND . . .
. . . LIFTS THE BALL NEATLY OVER THE BIG PUDDLE . . .


. . . AND SCORES WITH A BRILLIANT DEFLECTION OFF THE EDGE OF THE POTHOLE!

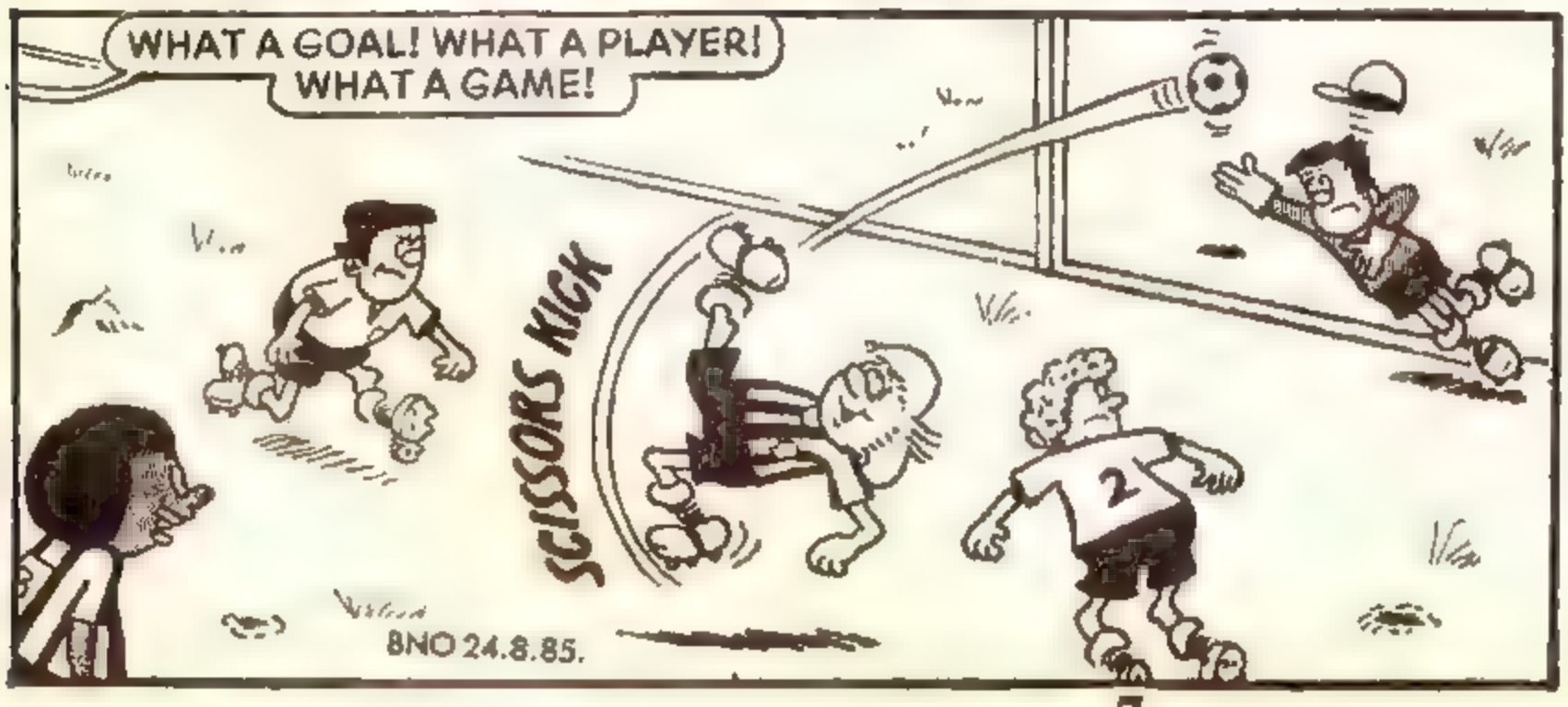
Back to reality —
BUT THERE'S NO CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING!


Meanwhile —
HUH! THIS IS A BORING MATCH!


Back again —
RERO THE BEANO
THE BALL HAS GONE OUT OF THE STADIUM — FIRST EXCITING THING THAT HAS HAPPENED!
RUBBISH!


HEH! AND SOME YOUNGSTERS HAVE STARTED PLAYING WITH THE BALL!
TRAP

THAT YOUNGSTER IS TEARING THROUGH THE DEFENCE!


WHAT A GOAL! WHAT A PLAYER! WHAT A GAME!
SCISSORS KICK
2
8NO 24.8.85.

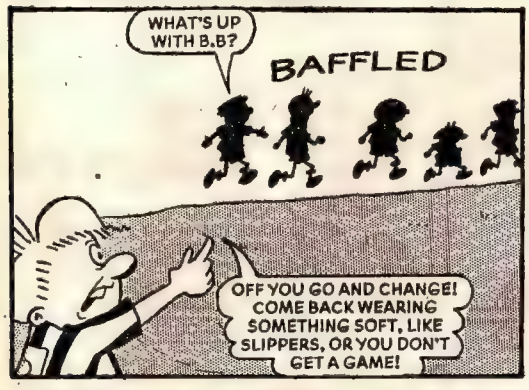
HEH! I ENDED UP WATCHING BALL BOY AFTER ALL!

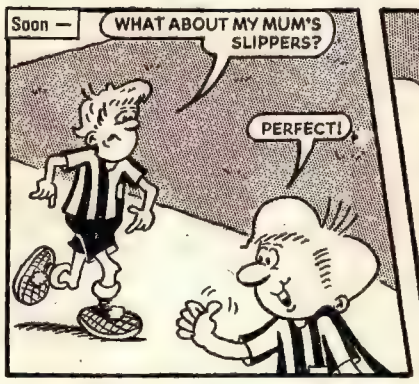
BALL BOY

MMM! BIT OF A WORRYING PROBLEM THIS.
HURRY UP, B.B! WE'RE WAITING TO START OUR PRACTICE GAME!
HOME TEAM

NOT YET! LET ME INSPECT YOUR BOOTS FIRST!

NO! DEFINITELY NOT! NO CHANCE!
FEEL


WHAT'S UP WITH B.B?
BAFFLED
OFF YOU GO AND CHANGE! COME BACK WEARING SOMETHING SOFT, LIKE SLIPPERS, OR YOU DON'T GET A GAME!


Soon —
WHAT ABOUT MY MUM'S SLIPPERS?
PERFECT!

WHAT ABOUT THESE SPONGES?
JUST RIGHT!

TWO MILES OF BANDAGES!
GREAT!

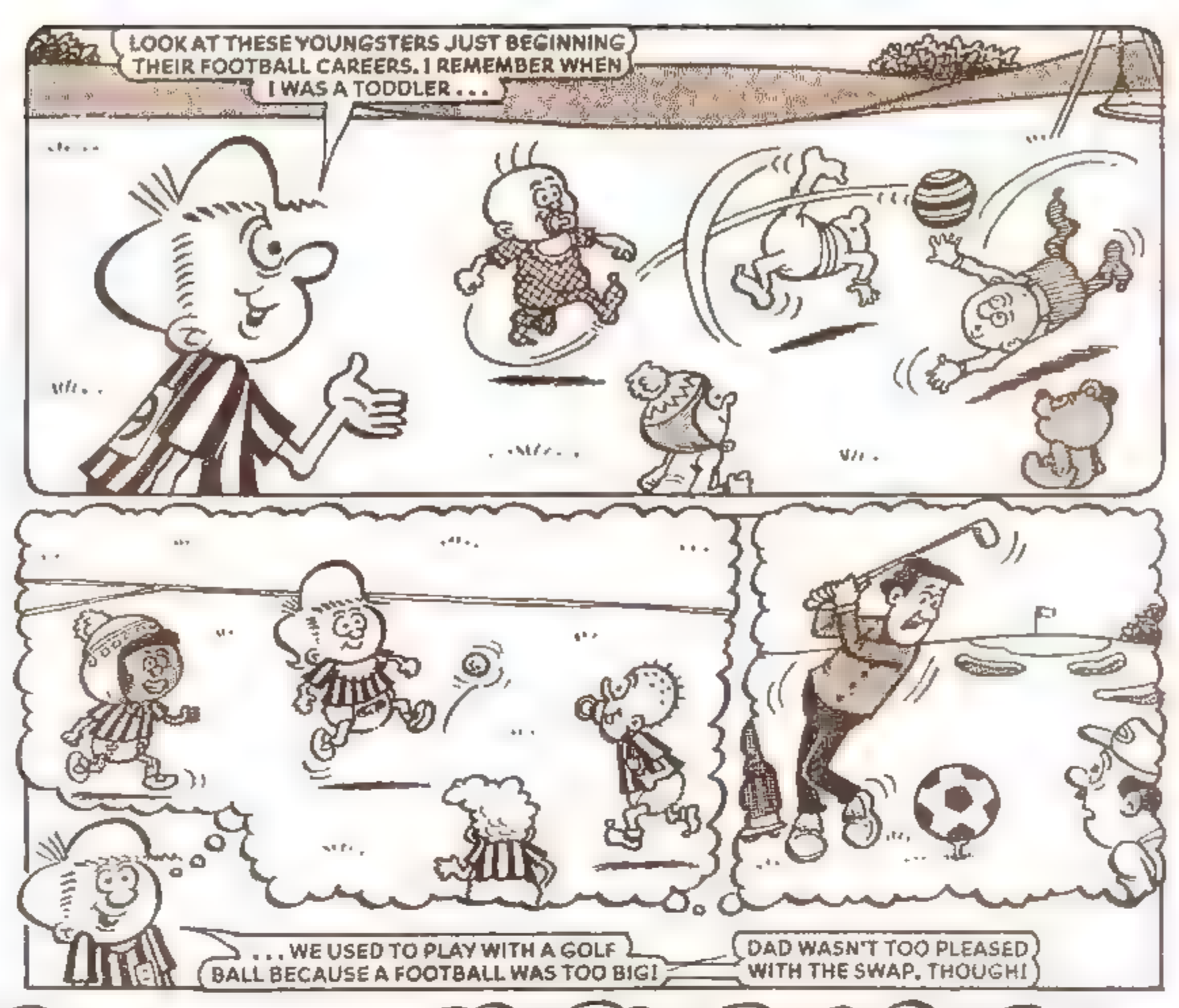
RIGHT! THAT'S ALL THE PLAYERS WITH SOFT FOOTWEAR! ME? I'M WEARING 14 PAIRS OF SOCKS!

BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL FOR?

BECAUSE OUR ONE AND ONLY BALL IS SO WORN WE'VE GOT TO PROTECT IT!
OH . . . RIGHT!

The game starts —
YOU SHOULD HAVE WARNED DENNIS NOT TO HEAD IT!
OH! NO!
BANG!
BNO 31.8.85.

BALL BOY


LOOK AT THESE YOUNGSTERS JUST BEGINNING THEIR FOOTBALL CAREERS. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A TODDLER . . .
. . . WE USED TO PLAY WITH A GOLF BALL BECAUSE A FOOTBALL WAS TOO BIG!
DAD WASN'T TOO PLEASED WITH THE SWAP, THOUGH!

PRAMS WERE GOOD GOALPOSTS . . .
WHAT A MESS!
. . . ALTHOUGH OUR MUMS DIDN'T THINK SO!

OFF!
CHUCKLE! I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I WAS SENT OFF!
WAAH! I'M TELLING MY MUM ON YOU! SCREAM!
ER . . . IT'S OK! YOU CAN STAY ON, THEN!
I CRIED AND CRIED UNTIL THE REF JUST HAD TO KEEP ME ON!
CRAWL
AAAH! MY FIRST GOAL WAS A DIVING HEADER!
RIGHT! I'LL TEACH YOU WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE GAME!
OUR BALL!
GRAB
YOWL!
CRACK!
HMM! GOT THE MAKINGS OF A CENTRE-HALF, THAT ONE!
BNO 7 9 85.

BALL BOY
YES! WHAT A GOAL!
HUH! AGAINST OUR OWN TEAM!
VERY THICK PERSON
THAT'S THE FOURTH OWN GOAL DIMMY HAS SCORED IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!
WHEE! FOUR GOALS! BET I'LL GET A HAT-TRICK TODAY!
DON'T LET DIMMY GET THE BALL! PASS THE WORD ROUND TO OUR TEAM!
GOOD PASS, B.B.!
YIKES! I MEANT THAT BALL FOR BENJY!
AARGH!
QUICK! GET THE BALL!
CONFUSED
ER . . . FREE KICK TO DIMMY . . . I THINK!
But —
HE MEANS SCISSORS
I'LL DO A KNIFE KICK!
OH NO! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!
Full-time —
WE PROUDLY PRESENT THIS CUP TO THE BEST GOAL-SCORER!
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY BOOTS!
THAT'S IT! WE CAN'T LET HIM PLAY ANY MORE! TOO MANY OWN GOALS!
OK! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!
YOU'RE DROPPED, DIMMY!
IS THAT SO? WELL, IN THAT CASE . . .
PORTABLE GOALPOSTS FACTORY
. . . I'M TAKING THESE BACK!
GROAN! I KNEW IT— THEY'RE HIS OWN GOALS!
TRUNDLE!
TRUNDLE!
FACTORY OWNER IS DIMMY'S DAD— HE'S 32 YEARS THICKER THAN DIMMY!
BNO 14.9.85.

BALL BOY
THROW ME THE BALL, BENJY, AND WE'LL GET THE MATCH STARTED.
JUST AS WELL YOU'RE NOT IN GOAL!
CLUNK!
THROW
EITHER YOUR TWIN'S JUST ARRIVED OR I'VE GOT DOUBLE VISION!
WHAT B.B. SEES
IT'S DOUBLE VISION, READERS!
EDITOR'S VOICE
Then—
OOPS! CHOSE THE WRONG BALL!
HOPE I CHOOSE THE RIGHT BALL THIS TIME!
AAH! WRONG ONE, AGAIN!
THUD!
OH, NO!
SPLUD!
SPLUP!
THE CAKE'S RUINED, YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE THE REST!
GLURP! I CAN'T SEE AT ALL NOW!
BUFF!
SPLURG! WHAT'S THAT?
WIPE
THE REBOUND CAUGHT HIM WRONG FOOTED
GOAL!
BNO 21.9.85.
After the game—
WHAT WAS THE SCORE TODAY?
ONE-NIL!
ONE-NIL!
ONE-NIL!
TWO-NIL!
YOU WOULD THINK B.B. WOULD KNOW THE SCORE!
HANDY HAVING DOUBLE VISION— MAKES THE SCORE SEEM BETTER!

BALL BOY

SSSH!
KICK OFF

TIP
TOE
TOE
TIP

BENJY'S ABOUT TO YELL!
TIP-TOE

GOT HIM IN TIME!
TIP-TOE

FAR POST, DIMMY!
TIP
TOE
TIP
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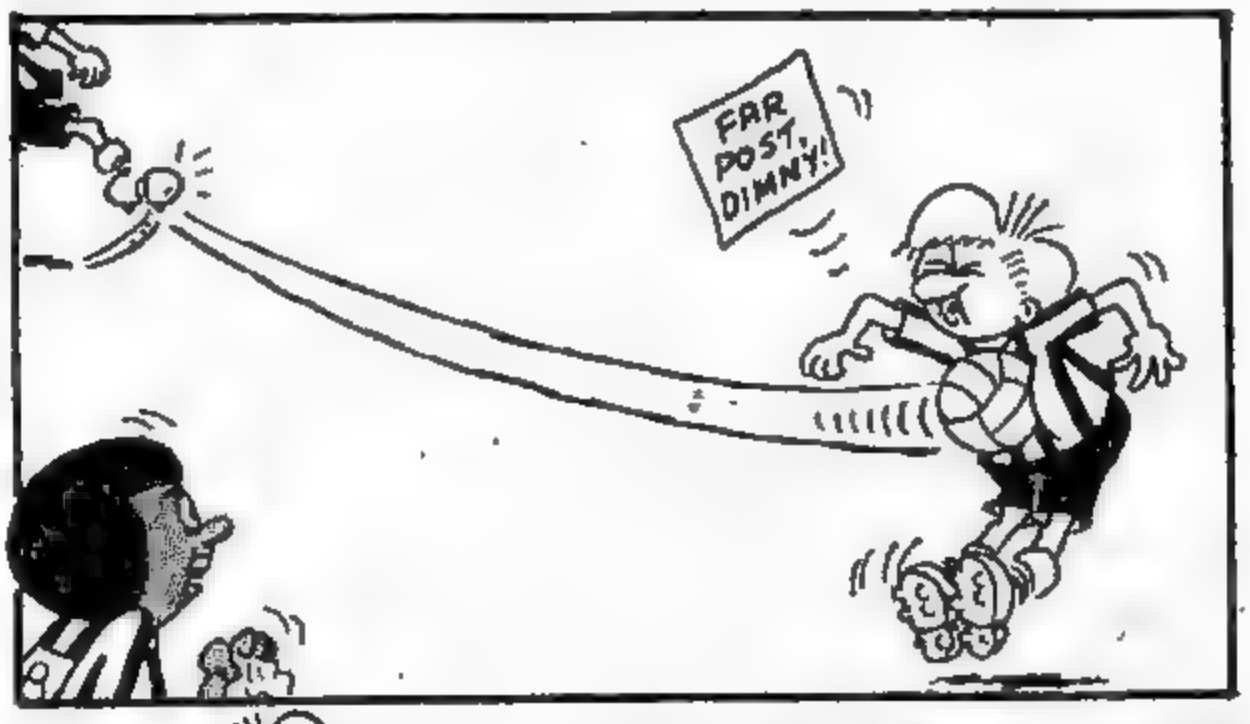
TIP-TOE


FAR POST, DIMMY!

SILENT AGONY
GAG

SWERVE
WEAVE
TIP-TOE

GOAL!

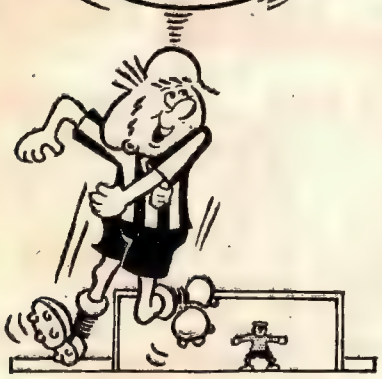
OH, HECK!
HO!!
BNO 28.9.85.

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THE GATES OPEN!
TRUST YOU TO WAKE THE GROUNDSMAN!
SORRY, BUT IT ISN'T EVERY DAY I SCORE A GOAL AT WEMBLEY!

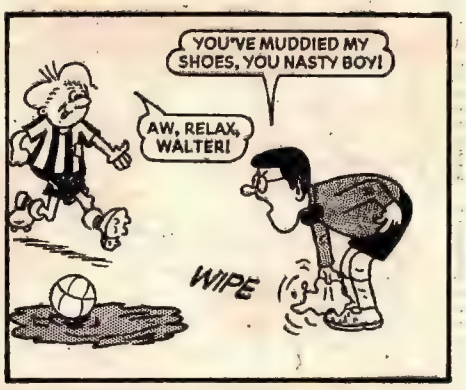
BALL BOY
OUR DEFENCE IS PLAYING BRILLIANTLY TODAY.
PASS
NEAT TACKLE
YES! BUT IT'S NOT MUCH FUN FOR ME!
THE DEFENCE IS SO GOOD THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO DO. YAWN!
PROD! PROD!
I WANT SOME ACTION. YOU GET ATTACKING FULL-BACKS . . .
. . . SO I'LL BE AN ATTACKING GOALKEEPER!
HEY!
GET BACK IN YOUR GOAL!
ROTTEN SLIDING TACKLE
STOP IT! YOU'RE NO USE AT THIS BIT OF THE GAME!
CRINGE
WILD MISS
I HIT IT!
GOAL!
BLOOTER!
YOU KNOW WHAT I SAID ABOUT ATTACKING GOALKEEPERS...
BNO 5.10.85.
...THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS TO DO!

BALL BOY

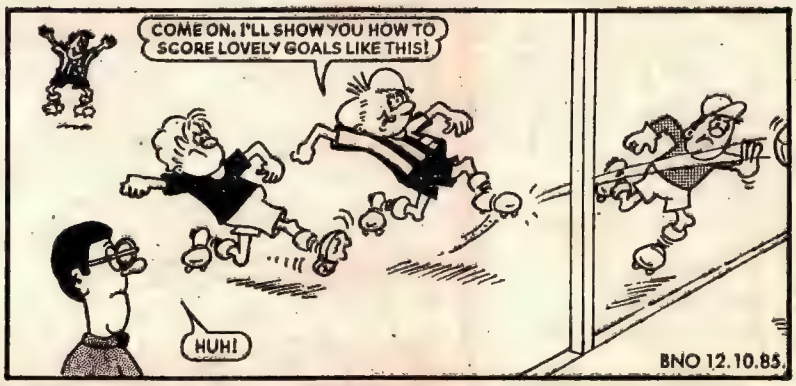
WHOOPS!

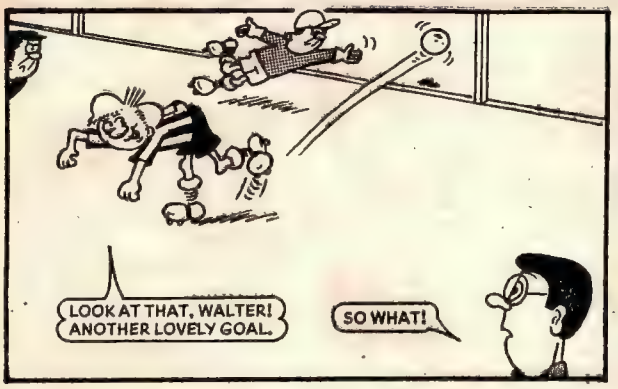


IT'S WALTER THE SOFTY!
YEEK!
SPLAT!


YOU'VE MUDDIED MY SHOES, YOU NASTY BOY!
AW, RELAX, WALTER!
WIPE

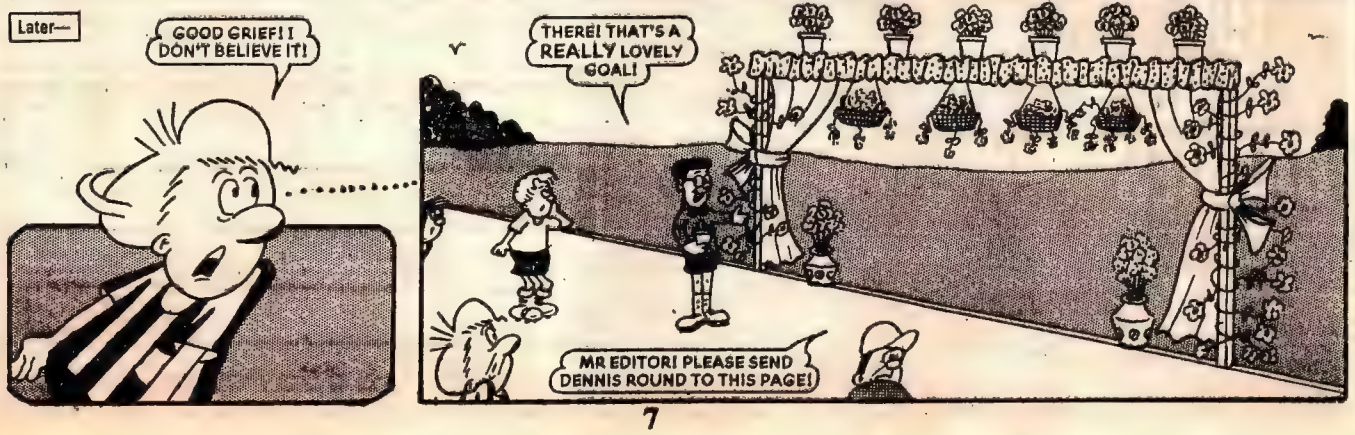
LET YOUR HAIR DOWN FOR ONCE AND PLAY FOOTBALL WITH US!
NEVER! IT'S A ROUGH, DIRTY GAME!
PULL


COME ON, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO SCORE LOVELY GOALS LIKE THIS!
HUH!
BNO 12.10.85.


LOOK AT THAT, WALTER! ANOTHER LOVELY GOAL.
SO WHAT!

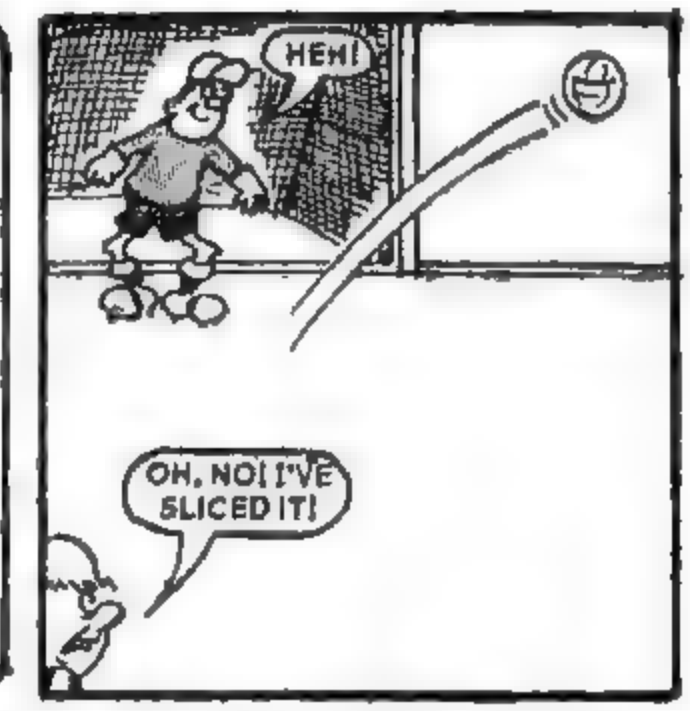
AND ANOTHER!
HOW BORING!

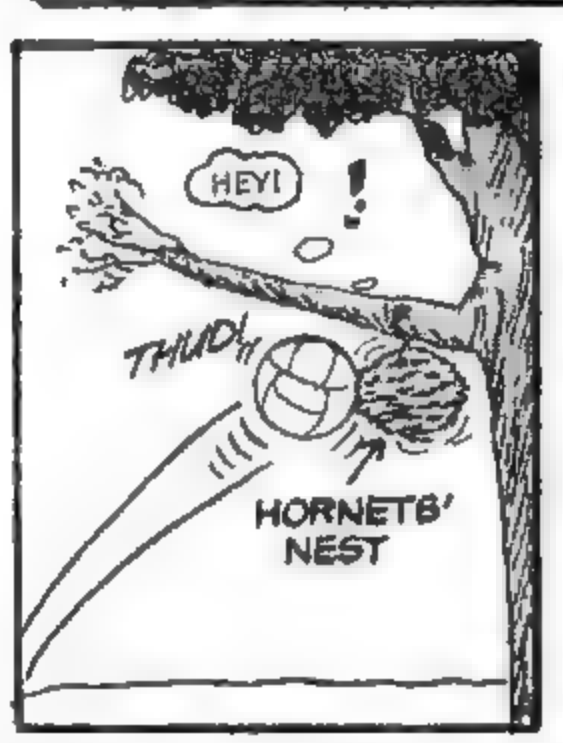
BUT WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT?
HUH! YOU CAN'T TEACH ME ANYTHING ABOUT LOVELY GOALS! BACK SOON!

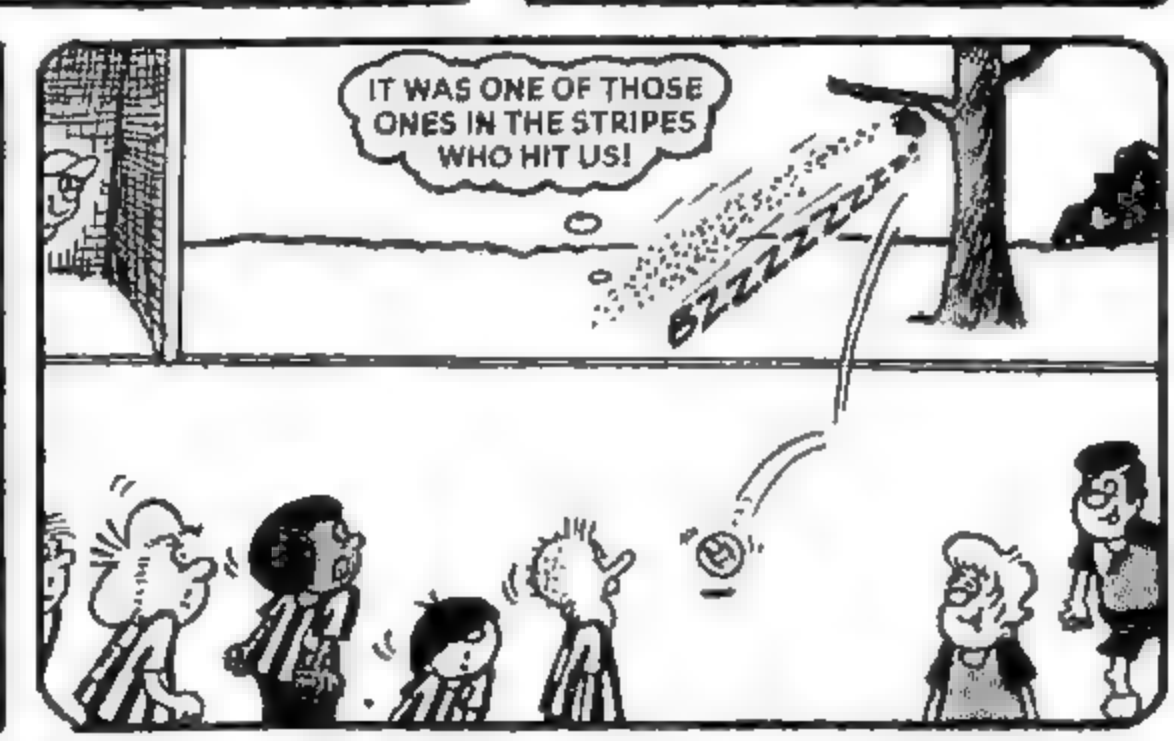

Later—
GOOD GRIEF! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
THERE! THAT'S A REALLY LOVELY GOAL!
MR EDITOR! PLEASE SEND DENNIS ROUND TO THIS PAGE!

BALL BOY

At the end of a match—
I'LL GIVE THIS SHOT ALL I'VE GOT FOR THE WINNER!

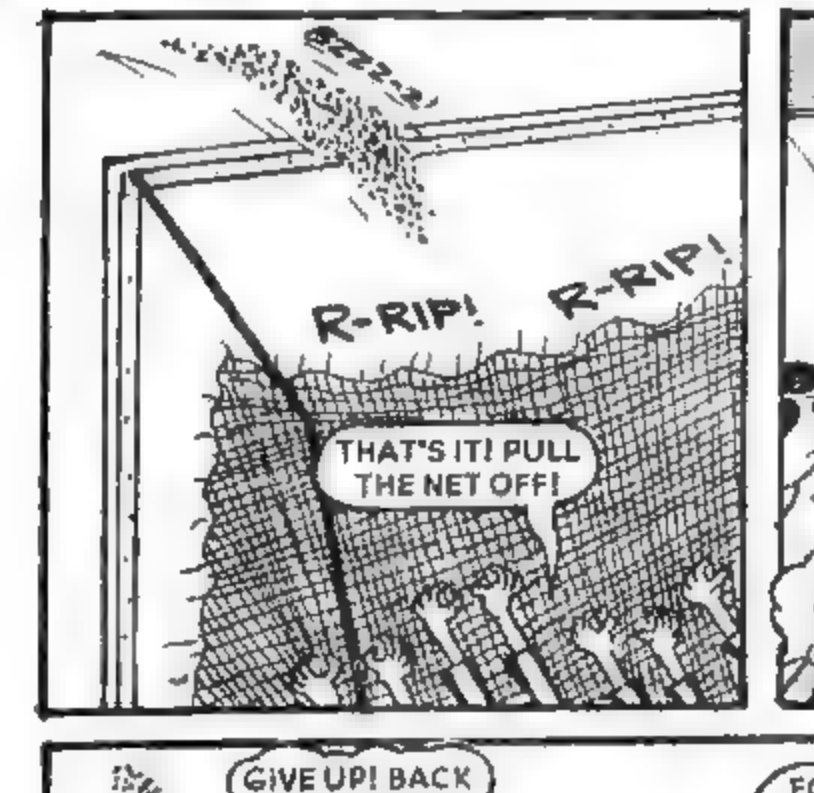

HEH!
OH, NO! I'VE SLICED IT!

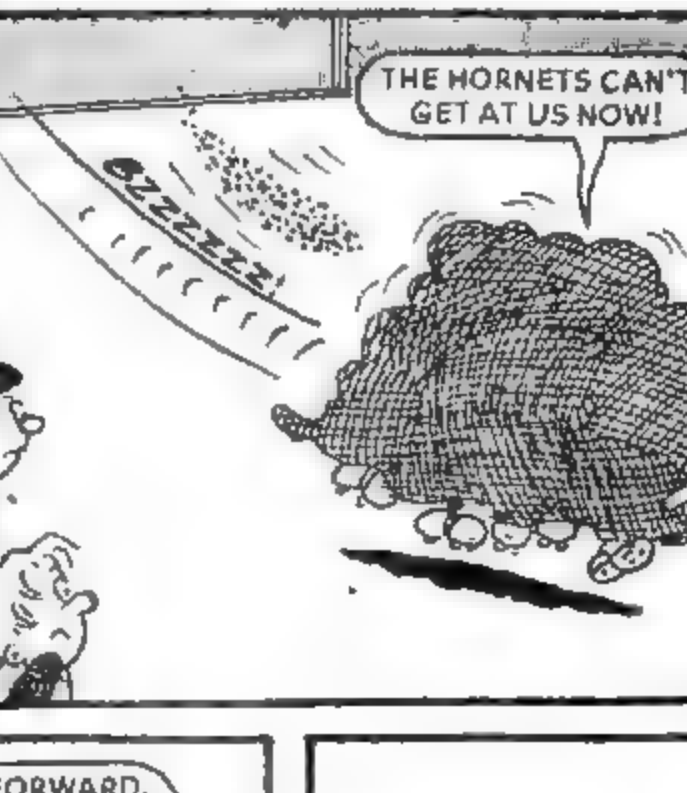

HEY!
THUD!
HORNETS' NEST

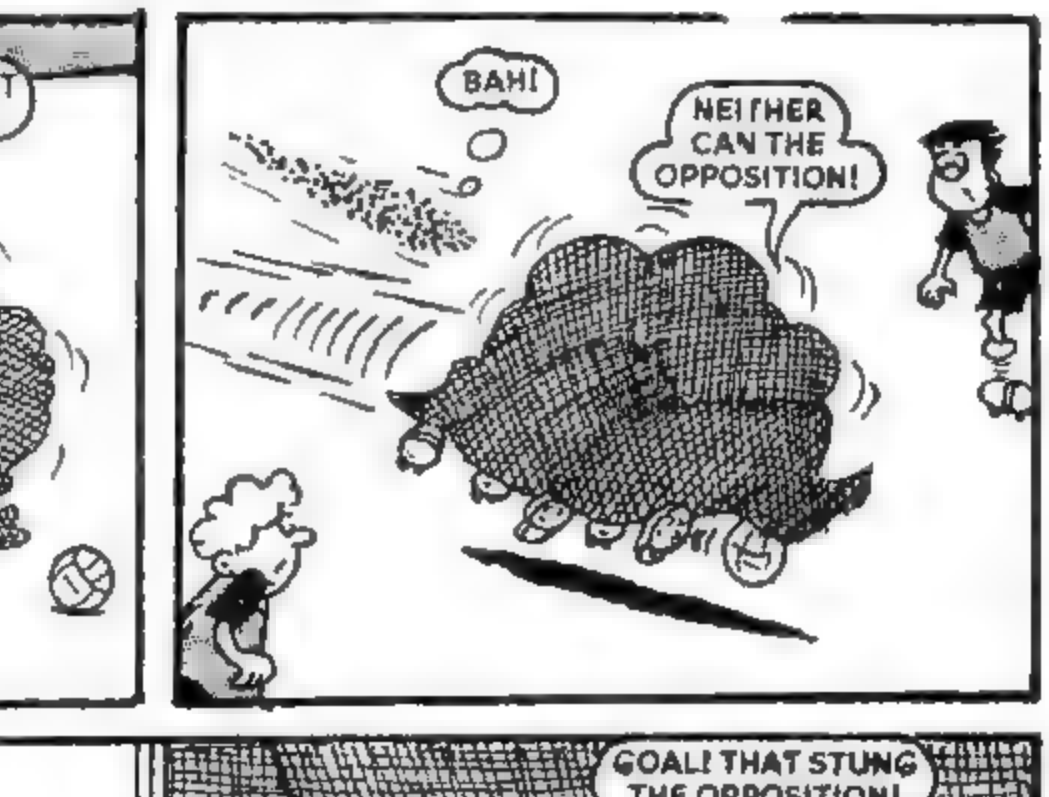

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE ONES IN THE STRIPES WHO HIT US!
BZZZZZZ

HEE! HEE!
BZZZZ-Z!
HAW! HAW! HA! HA!
AFTER THEM!

BUZZZZ!
QUICK! INTO THE GOAL MOUTH!
B.B'S KEEPER GETTING OFF HIS MARK!
SCOOT!


R-RIP!
R-RIP!
THAT'S IT! PULL THE NET OFF!


THE HORNETS CAN'T GET AT US NOW!
BZZZZZZ!


BAH!
NEITHER CAN THE OPPOSITION!

GIVE UP! BACK TO BASE!
BZZZZ
FORWARD, FORWARDS!
CHARGE
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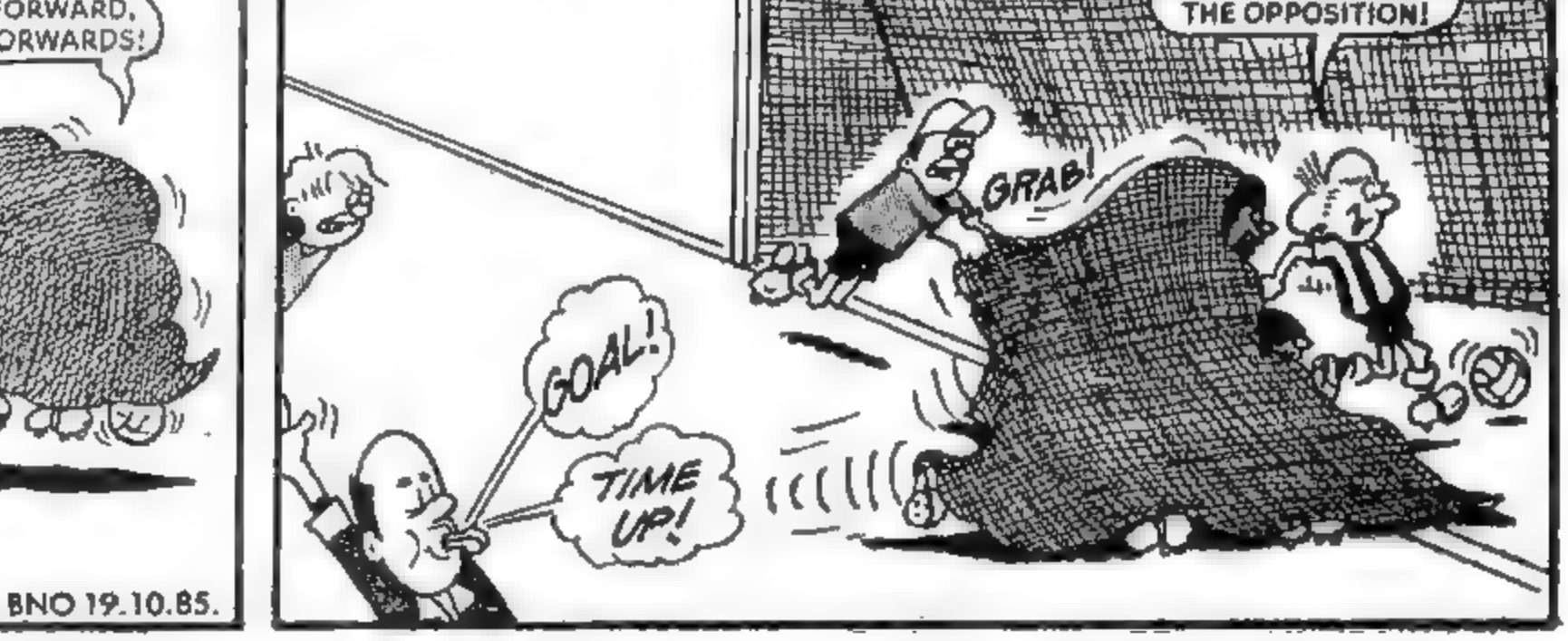
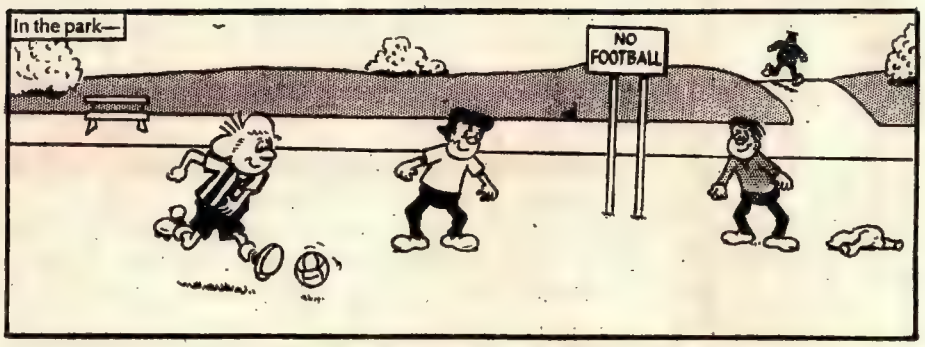

GOAL! THAT STUNG THE OPPOSITION!
GRAB!
GOAL!
TIME UP!

BALL BOY


In the park—
NO FOOTBALL

NO FOOTBALL
OFF THERE! CAN'T YOU READ?

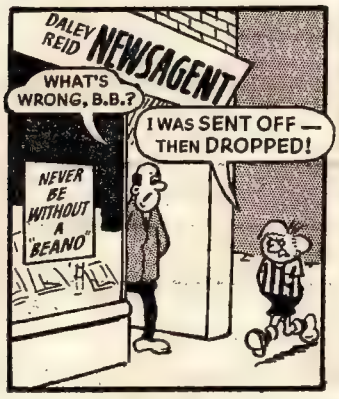
WE'LL PLAY HERE INSTEAD.

But—
OH-OH! THE BALL'S STUCK!
BOOT
I'LL GET IT!

SOMEONE CATCH ME WHEN I JUMP!
TOSS
OK!
BNO 26.10.85.

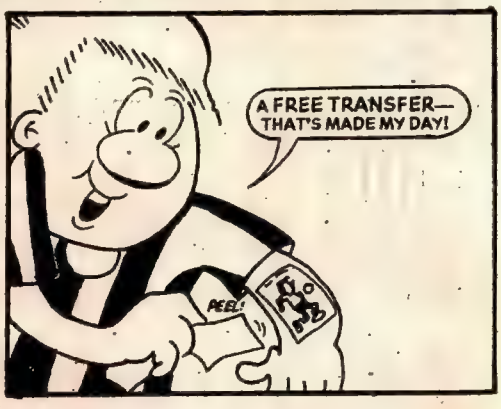
OUCH!
FUMBLE
DROP
BOOMPH!

WHAT'S WORSE IS, HE'S OUR TEAM GOALIE!
BLUSH

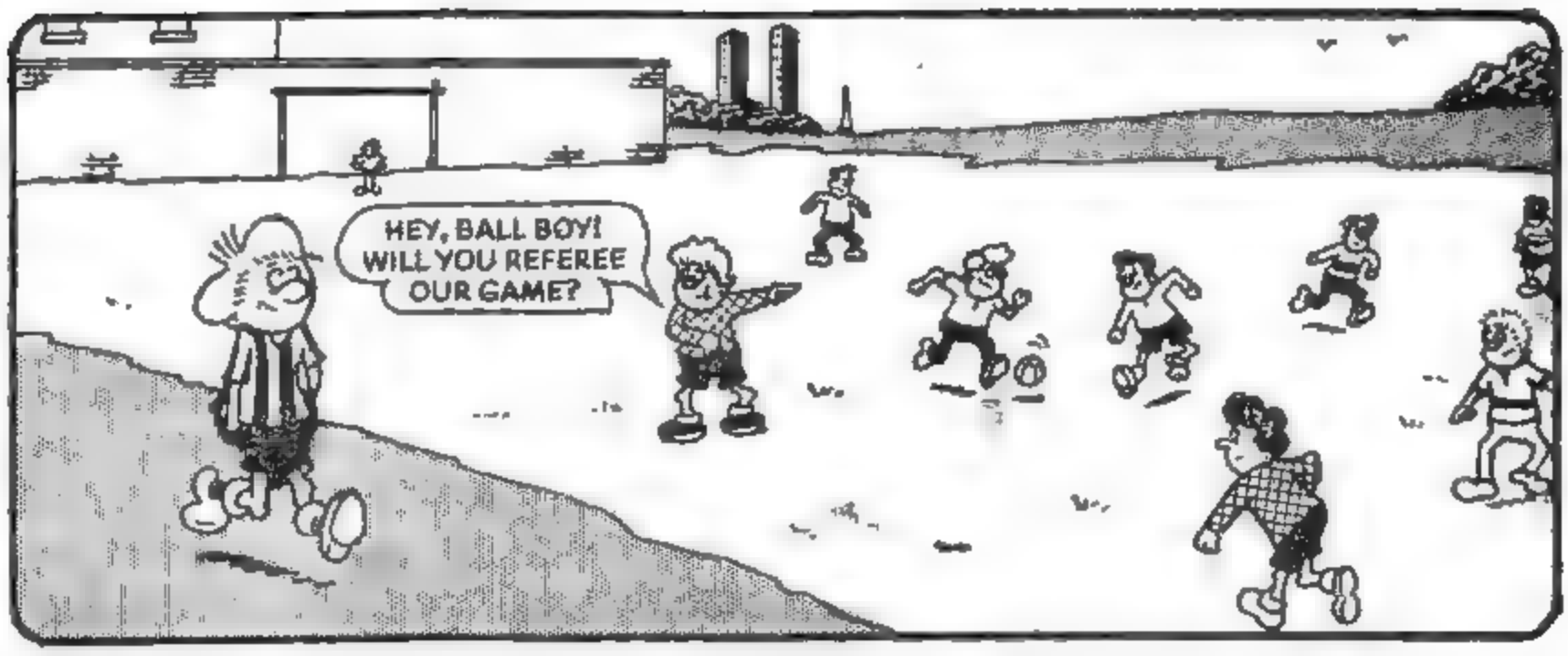

DALEY REID NEWSAGENT
WHAT'S WRONG, B.B.?
I WAS SENT OFF — THEN DROPPED!
NEVER BE WITHOUT A "BEANO"

HOLD ON! I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!

HERE'S A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU.
WOW! SUPER!


A FREE TRANSFER— THAT'S MADE MY DAY!
PEEL!

BALL BOY


HEY, BALL BOY! WILL YOU REFEREE OUR GAME?

OK! I'LL DO MY BEST, BUT I DON'T HAVE A WHISTLE.

FOUL!
PUSH
STILL PLAYING ON

I'LL TRY A LONG SHOT.
I SAID FOUL!

MISSED! — OOPS! SORRY!
WE DIDN'T HEAR YOU CALL FOUL!
BOOT
OOF!

PASS
OFFSIDE!

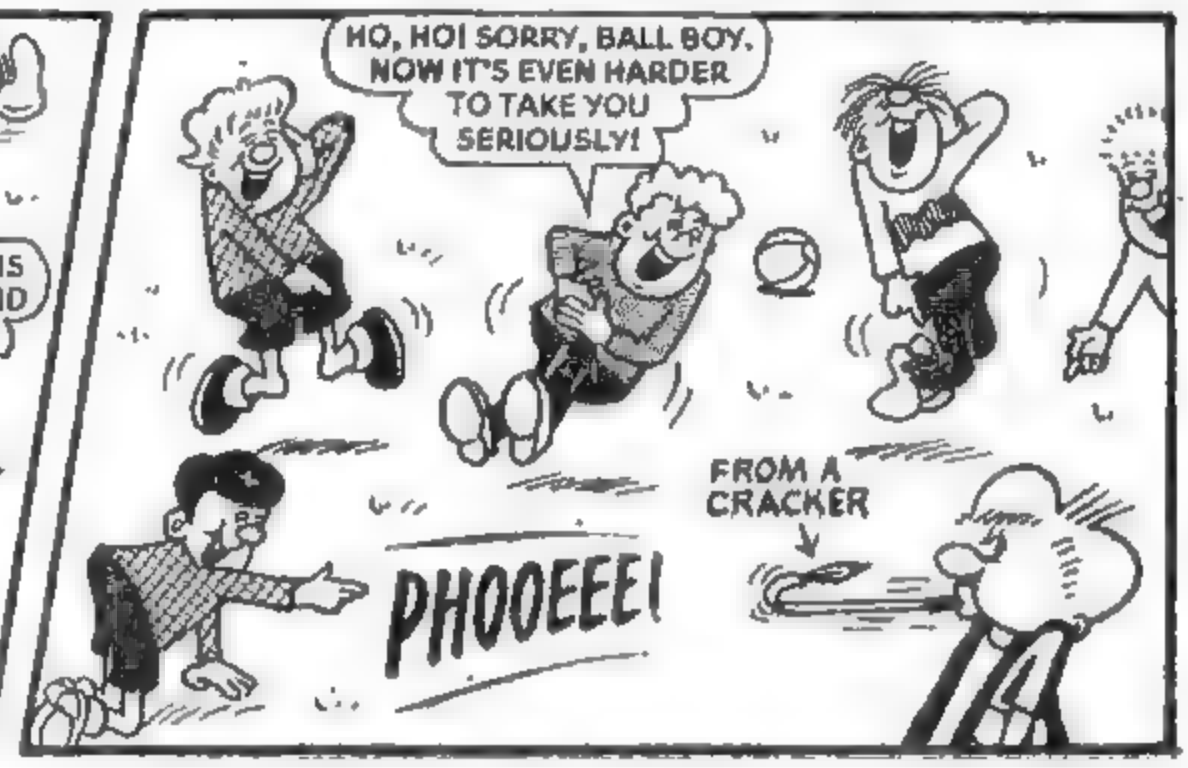
I SAID . . .

PARP!
TRAMPLE! TRAMPLE!
OOF! OW! ARGH!

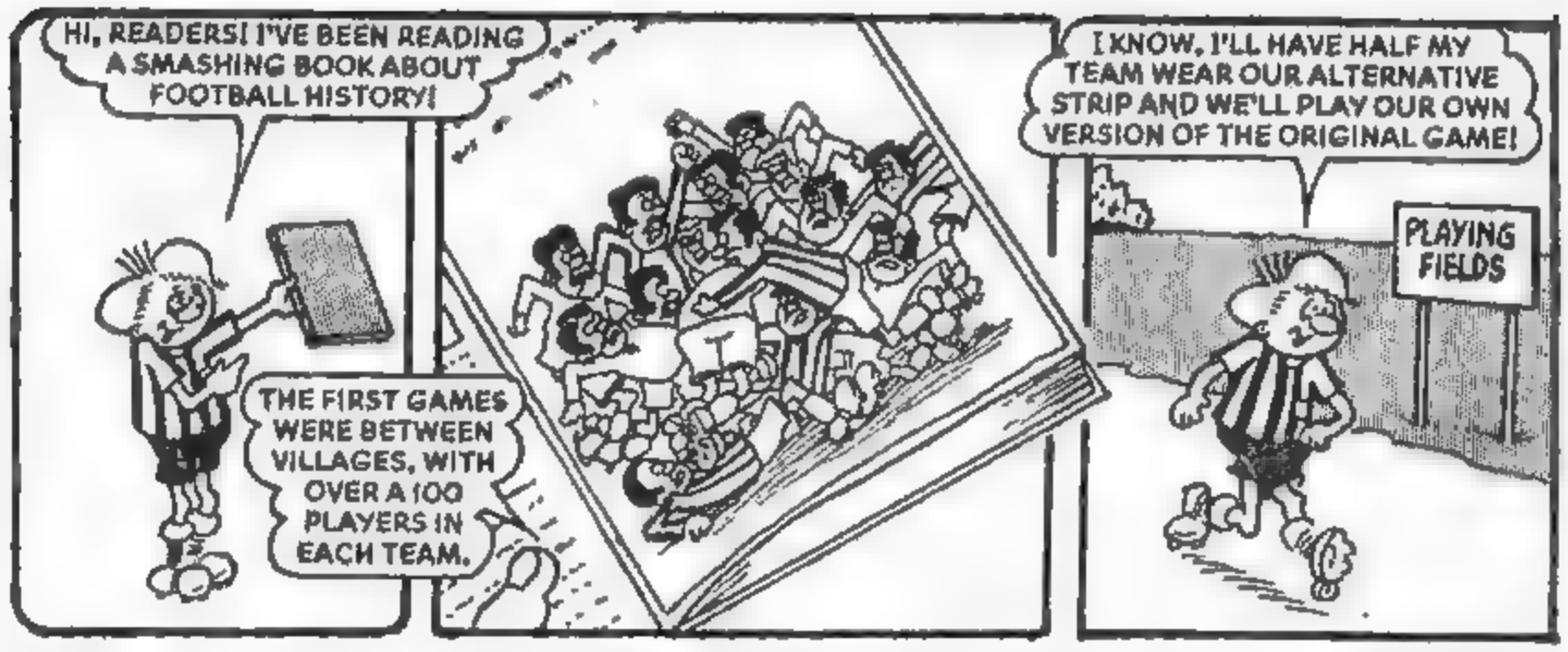
WHAT'S UP, BALL BOY? WANT US TO STOP AGAIN?

THIS ISN'T WORKING OUT WELL! WE CAN'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY WHEN WE DON'T HEAR A WHISTLE!
RIGHT! I'LL BE BACK — WITH A WHISTLE!
BNO 2.11.85.

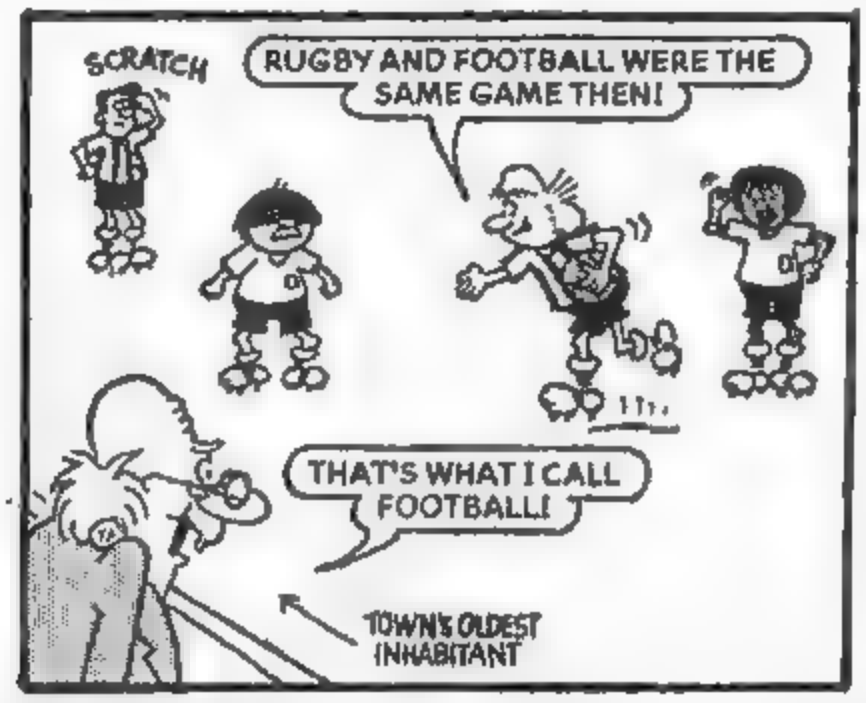
Shortly—
GAPE
I'M BACK! THIS IS ALL I COULD FIND IN A HURRY!
GAPE
GAPE


HO, HO! SORRY, BALL BOY. NOW IT'S EVEN HARDER TO TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY!
FROM A CRACKER
PHOOEEE!

BALL BOY


HI, READERS! I'VE BEEN READING A SMASHING BOOK ABOUT FOOTBALL HISTORY!
THE FIRST GAMES WERE BETWEEN VILLAGES, WITH OVER A 100 PLAYERS IN EACH TEAM.
I KNOW, I'LL HAVE HALF MY TEAM WEAR OUR ALTERNATIVE STRIP AND WE'LL PLAY OUR OWN VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL GAME!
PLAYING FIELDS

So—
AW, REF!
YOU'RE FORGETTING, BENJY! THERE WERE NO REFEREES IN THE OLDEN DAYS!
CRRUMP!
FOUL! HAND BALL!
WRONG AGAIN!


SCRATCH
RUGBY AND FOOTBALL WERE THE SAME GAME THEN!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL FOOTBALL!
TOWN'S OLDEST INHABITANT

IN THAT CASE!
UMPH!
DIVE
ZUNK!

WRONG GAME, DIMMY!
WHUMP!

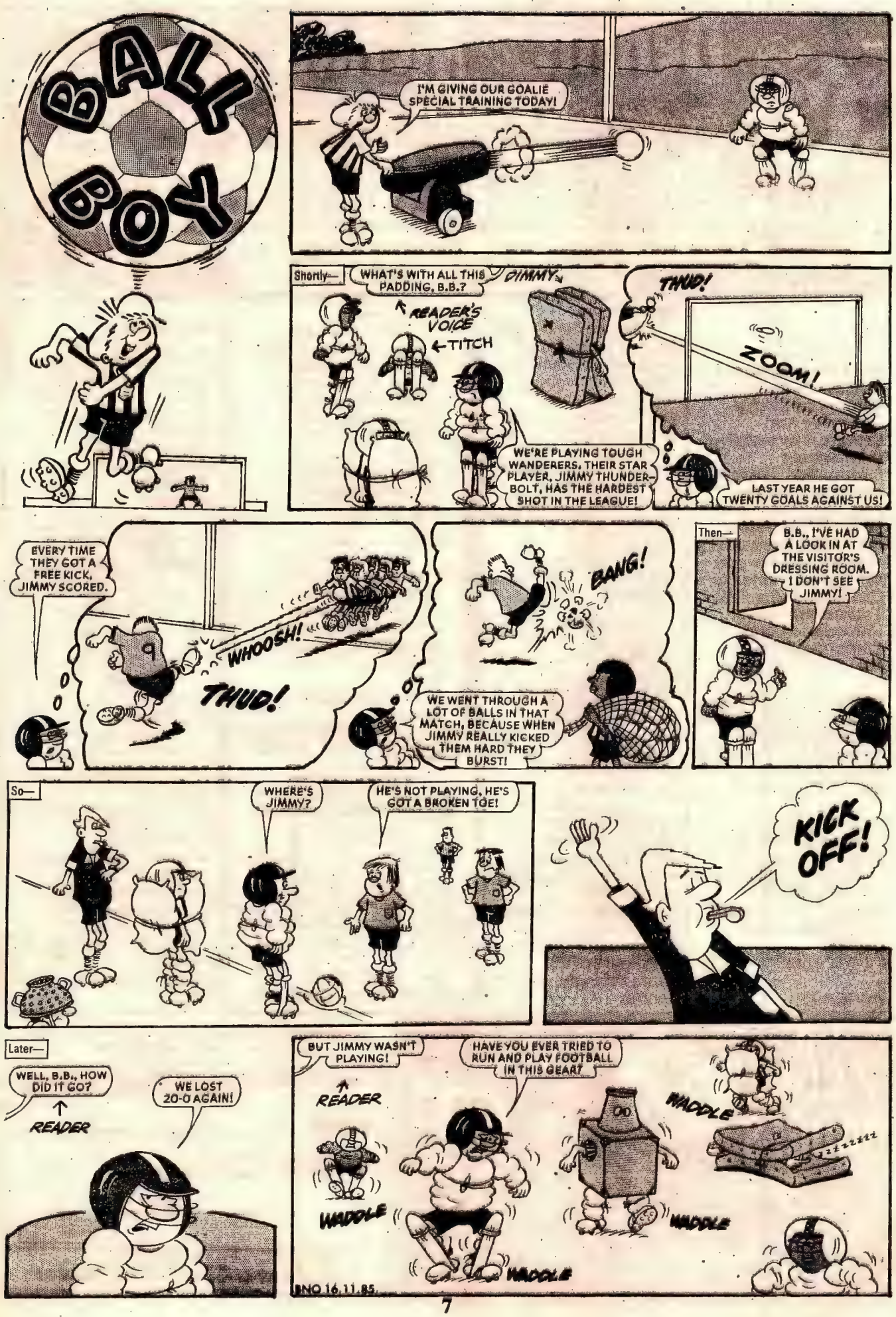
OUT OF PLAY! OUR BALL!
NO, THE PITCHES WERE NEVER CLEARLY MARKED IN THOSE DAYS. THEY JUST PLAYED ON!
ABOUT TO GRAB

WHAT A GOAL! MY TEAM WINS!
ER... HURRAY!... I THINK!

BUT THE BALL WAS OVER THE BAR!
IN THE OLD DAYS THERE WERE NO BARS SO THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOAL.

THERE'S ONE THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED IN THE LAST 200 YEARS!
WHAT'S THAT?

A SHOW-OFF IS STILL A SHOW-OFF!
8NO 9.11.85.


BALL BOY
I'M GIVING OUR GOALIE SPECIAL TRAINING TODAY!
Shortly—
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS PADDING, B.B.?
READER'S VOICE
TITCH
JIMMY
THUD!
ZOOM!
WE'RE PLAYING TOUGH WANDERERS. THEIR STAR PLAYER, JIMMY THUNDERBOLT, HAS THE HARDEST SHOT IN THE LEAGUE!
LAST YEAR HE GOT TWENTY GOALS AGAINST US!
EVERY TIME THEY GOT A FREE KICK, JIMMY SCORED.
WHOOSH!
THUD!
BANG!
WE WENT THROUGH A LOT OF BALLS IN THAT MATCH, BECAUSE WHEN JIMMY REALLY KICKED THEM HARD THEY BURST!
Then—
B.B., I'VE HAD A LOOK IN AT THE VISITOR'S DRESSING ROOM. I DON'T SEE JIMMY!
So—
WHERE'S JIMMY?
HE'S NOT PLAYING, HE'S GOT A BROKEN TOE!
KICK OFF!
Later—
WELL, B.B., HOW DID IT GO?
READER
WE LOST 20-0 AGAIN!
BUT JIMMY WASN'T PLAYING!
READER
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO RUN AND PLAY FOOTBALL IN THIS GEAR?
WADDLE
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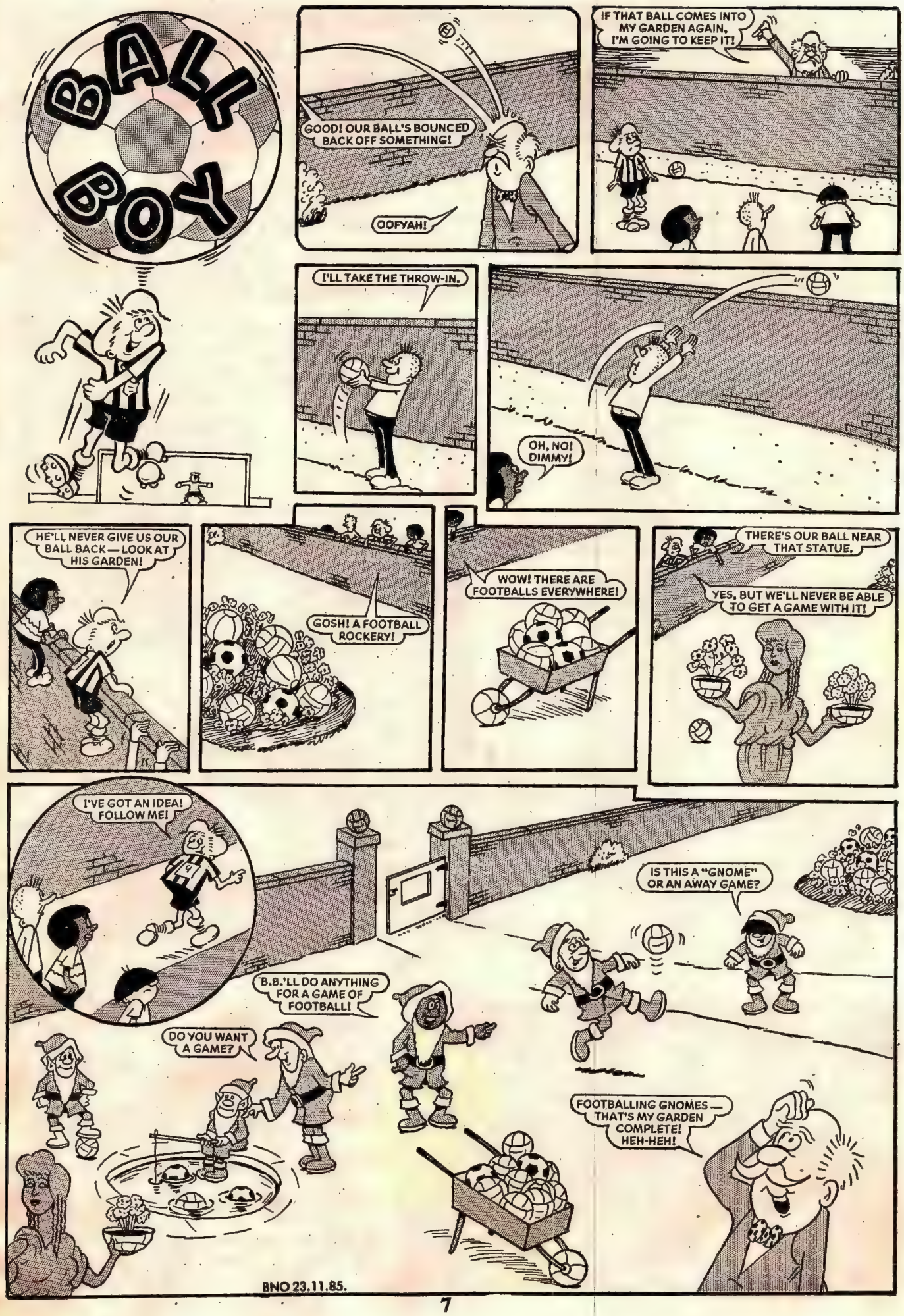
BNO 16.11.85.


BALL BOY
GOOD! OUR BALL'S BOUNCED BACK OFF SOMETHING!
OOFYAH!
IF THAT BALL COMES INTO MY GARDEN AGAIN, I'M GOING TO KEEP IT!
I'LL TAKE THE THROW-IN.
OH, NO! DIMMY!
HE'LL NEVER GIVE US OUR BALL BACK — LOOK AT HIS GARDEN!
GOSH! A FOOTBALL ROCKERY!
WOW! THERE ARE FOOTBALLS EVERYWHERE!
THERE'S OUR BALL NEAR THAT STATUE.
YES, BUT WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET A GAME WITH IT!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! FOLLOW ME!
IS THIS A "GNOME" OR AN AWAY GAME?
B.B.'LL DO ANYTHING FOR A GAME OF FOOTBALL!
DO YOU WANT A GAME?
FOOTBALLING GNOMES — THAT'S MY GARDEN COMPLETE! HEH-HEH!
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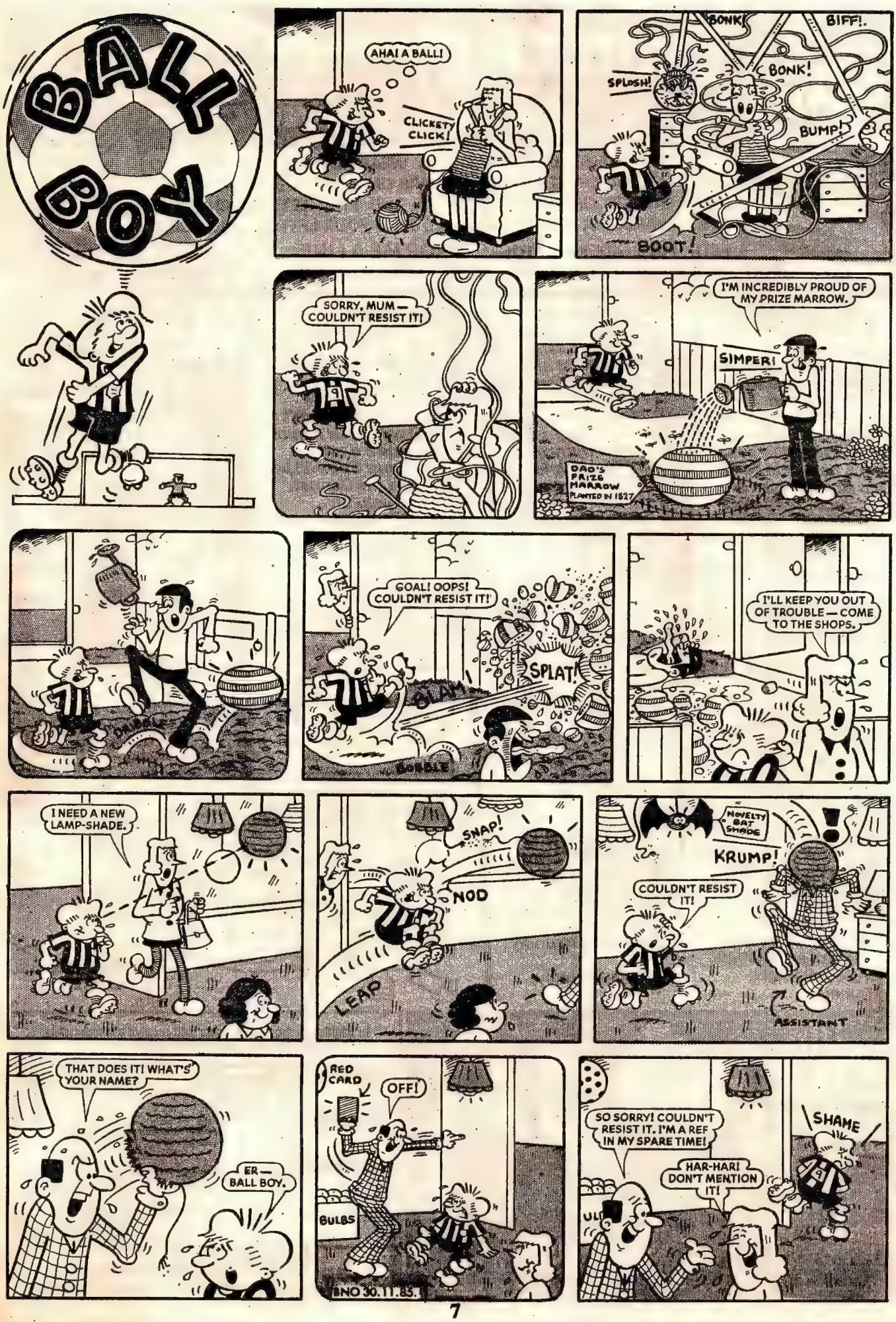
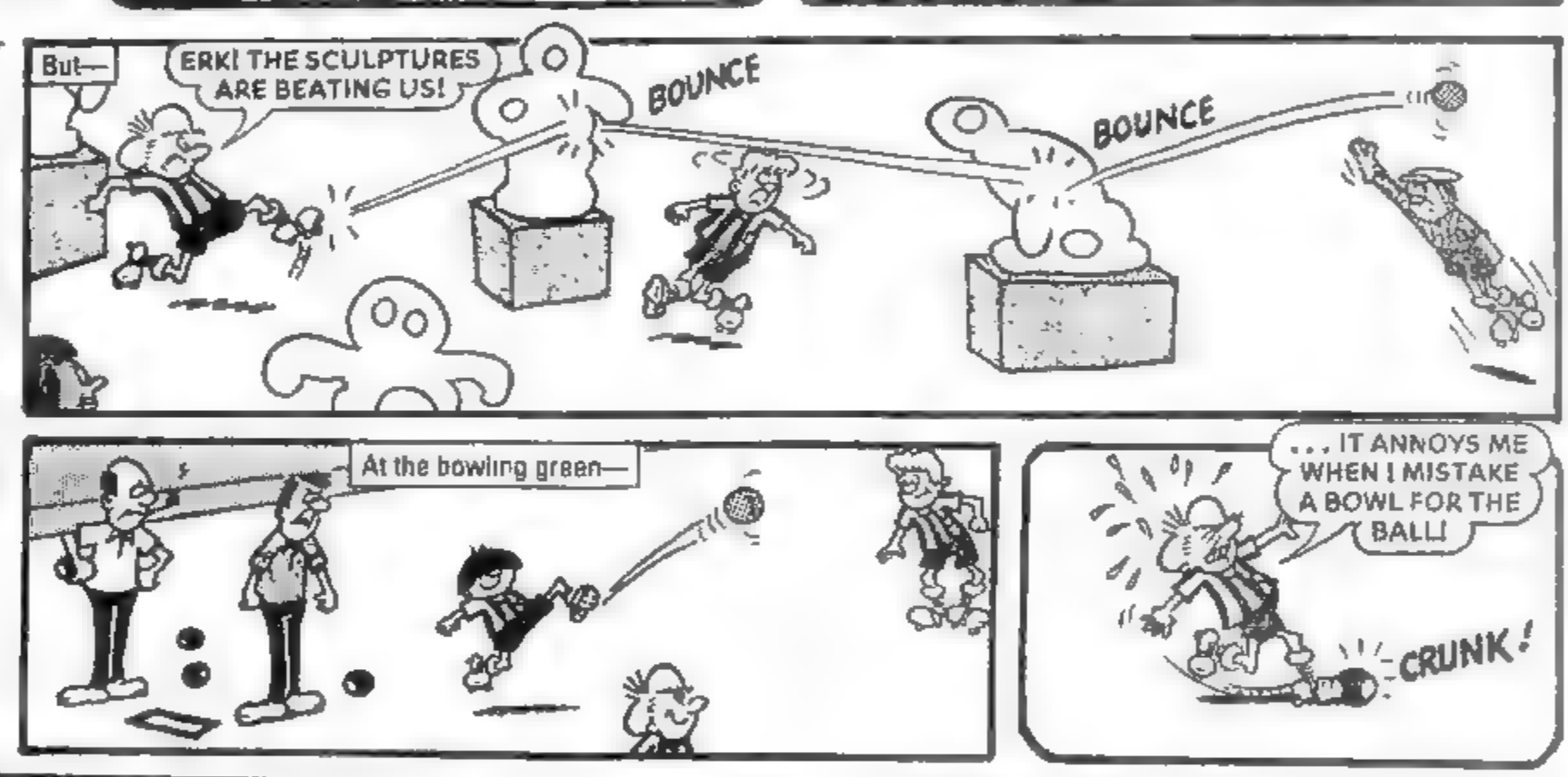

BALL BOY
AHA! A BALL!
CLICKETY CLICK!
BONK!
BIFF!
SPLOSH!
BONK!
BUMP!
BOOT!
SORRY, MUM — COULDN'T RESIST IT!
I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD OF MY PRIZE MARROW.
SIMPER!
DAD'S PRIZE MARROW PLANTED IN 1827
DRIBBLE
GOAL! OOPS! COULDN'T RESIST IT!
SLAM!
SPLAT!
BOBBLE
I'LL KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE — COME TO THE SHOPS.
I NEED A NEW LAMP-SHADE.
SNAP!
NOD
LEAP
NOVELTY BAT SHADE
KRUMP!
COULDN'T RESIST IT!
ASSISTANT
THAT DOES IT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ER — BALL BOY.
RED CARD
OFF!
BULBS
BNO 30.11.85.
SO SORRY! COULDN'T RESIST IT. I'M A REF IN MY SPARE TIME!
SHAME
HAR-HAR! DON'T MENTION IT!



At the outdoor chess board—

AHA! THERE'S A SAFE PLACE TO PLAY! BUT FIRST TO MY UNCLE'S FANCY DRESS SHOP!

THEY MUST HAVE CHANGED THE RULES SINCE MY DAY!

WERE YOU SENT OFF TOO?

I'M A PRAWN!

NO — THE WHITE KNIGHT CAPTURED ME!

NO, A PAWN, DIMMY — A PAWN!

SUBS

BNO 7.12.85.

BALL BOY

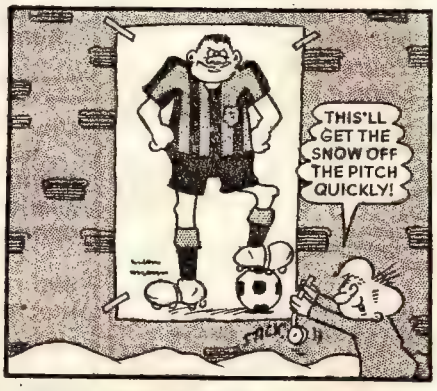
WONDER IF MUDCHESTER'S MATCH IS ON TODAY?
MUDCHESTER UNITED

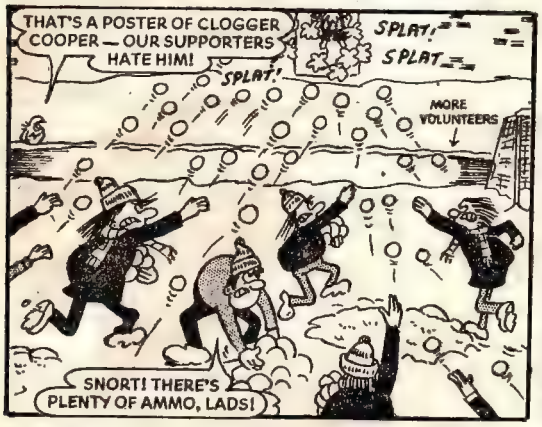
WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAR THE PITCH OF SNOW.
UNITED'S MANAGER
I'LL DO IT!

So —
WHOA! WHOA!

A BIT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC!

I'LL DIG YOU OUT — NOW I KNOW WHY IT'S CALLED A DUG-OUT!


THIS'LL GET THE SNOW OFF THE PITCH QUICKLY!


THAT'S A POSTER OF CLOGGER COOPER — OUR SUPPORTERS HATE HIM!
SPLAT!
SPLAT!
SPLAT
MORE VOLUNTEERS
SNORT! THERE'S PLENTY OF AMMO, LADS!

Soon —
WELL DONE, BB! THE PITCH IS CLEAR NOW.

The game starts —
PITY THERE WEREN'T MORE WATCHING TO GIVE THE GAME ATMOSPHERE.

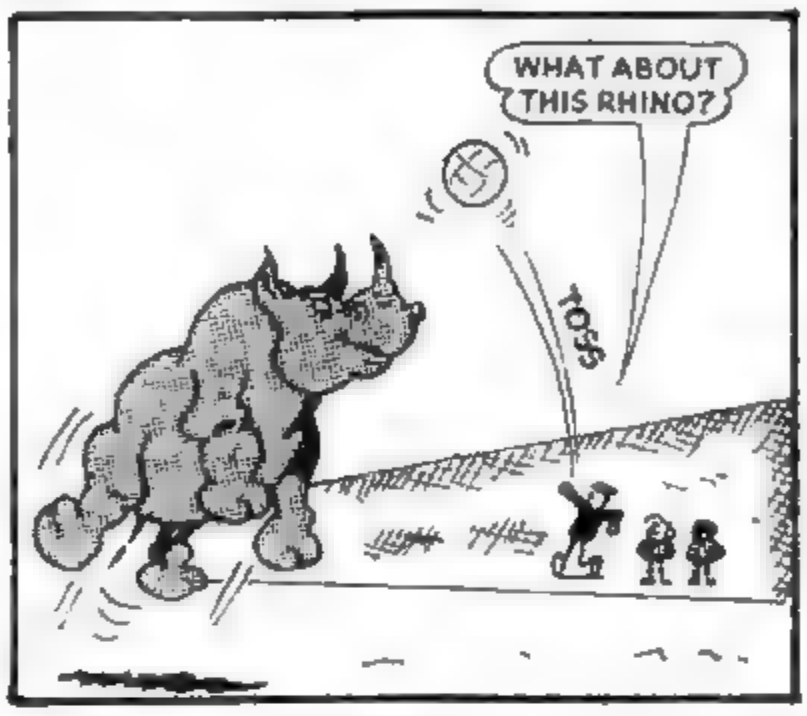
LEAVE IT TO ME!
BNO 14.12.85.

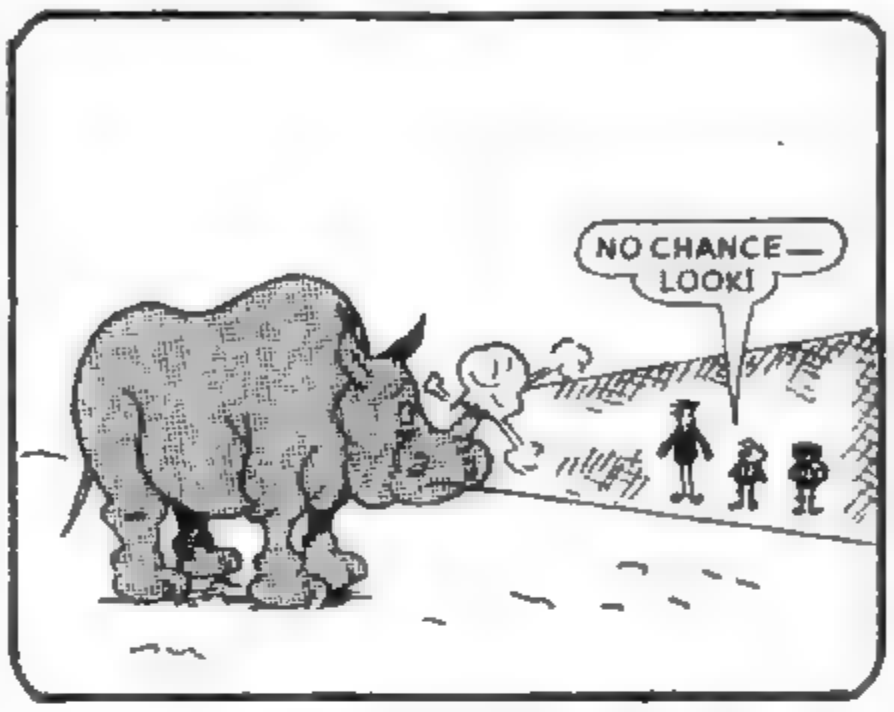
WE'LL SOON HAVE A BIG CROWD TO HELP THE TEAM!

BALL BOY

THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BENJY.
BEANOTOWN ZOO
ADOPT A ZOO ANIMAL SCHEME.

WE WANT TO ADOPT AN ANIMAL THAT CAN PLAY FOOTBALL.
OK — LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND.


WHAT ABOUT THIS RHINO?
TOSS


NO CHANCE — LOOK!

WOW! WHAT BALL SKILLS! WE'LL ADOPT THEM!
TOO LATE!

THEY'VE BEEN ADOPTED BY A VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

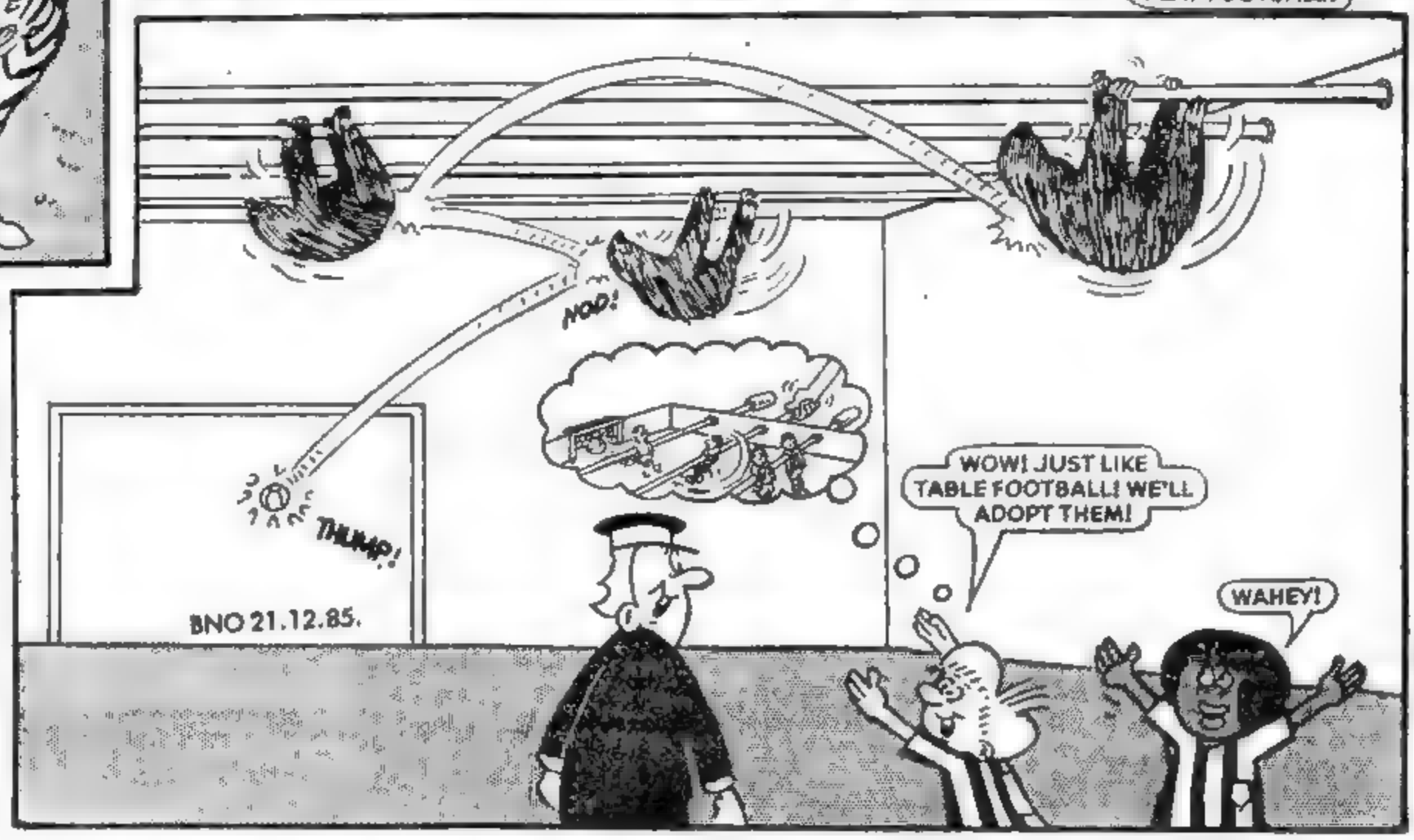
TOSS
HEY! THOSE ZEBRAS ARE WEARING OUR COLOURS! TRY THEM WITH A BALL, BENJY.

THUD!
HMPH! WE'D LOSE TOO MANY BALLS!

Later...
WE'VE SEEN LOTS OF ANIMALS AND ALL THE ONES THAT CAN PLAY ARE ALREADY ADOPTED.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THEM ALL — THESE SLOTHS CAN PLAY.
SLOTH HOUSE
HUH! HOW CAN SLOTHS PLAY FOOTBALL?

WATCH THIS...
TOSS


NOD!
THUMP!
BNO 21.12.85.
WOW! JUST LIKE TABLE FOOTBALL! WE'LL ADOPT THEM!
WAHEY!

BALL BOY

WE CAN'T PRACTISE IN THIS SNOW!

THESE DUCKS HAVE GIVEN ME AN IDEA.
SLIDE
SLITHER
SLIDE
SLIP
SLIDE
SLIP
SLIDE

Much duck saving later—
SLIDE
DIVE
GRAB
GREAT TRAINING FOR OUR 'KEEPER.

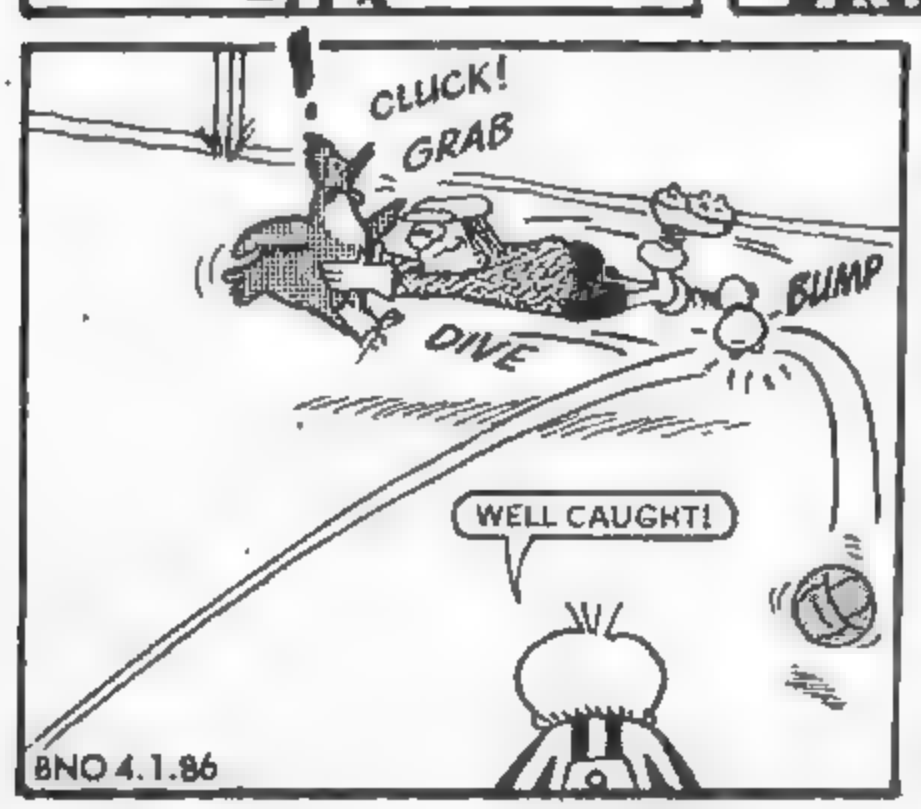
One week later—
CLUCK!
CLUCK!
NOW THE SNOW HAS GONE, WE CAN PLAY OUR MATCH WITH RUSTIC ROVERS.

DIVE
WE'RE WINNING 1-0 AND OUR 'KEEPER'S HAVING A GREAT GAME!

Later—
DIVE
GRAB
ANOTHER BRILLIANT SAVE!

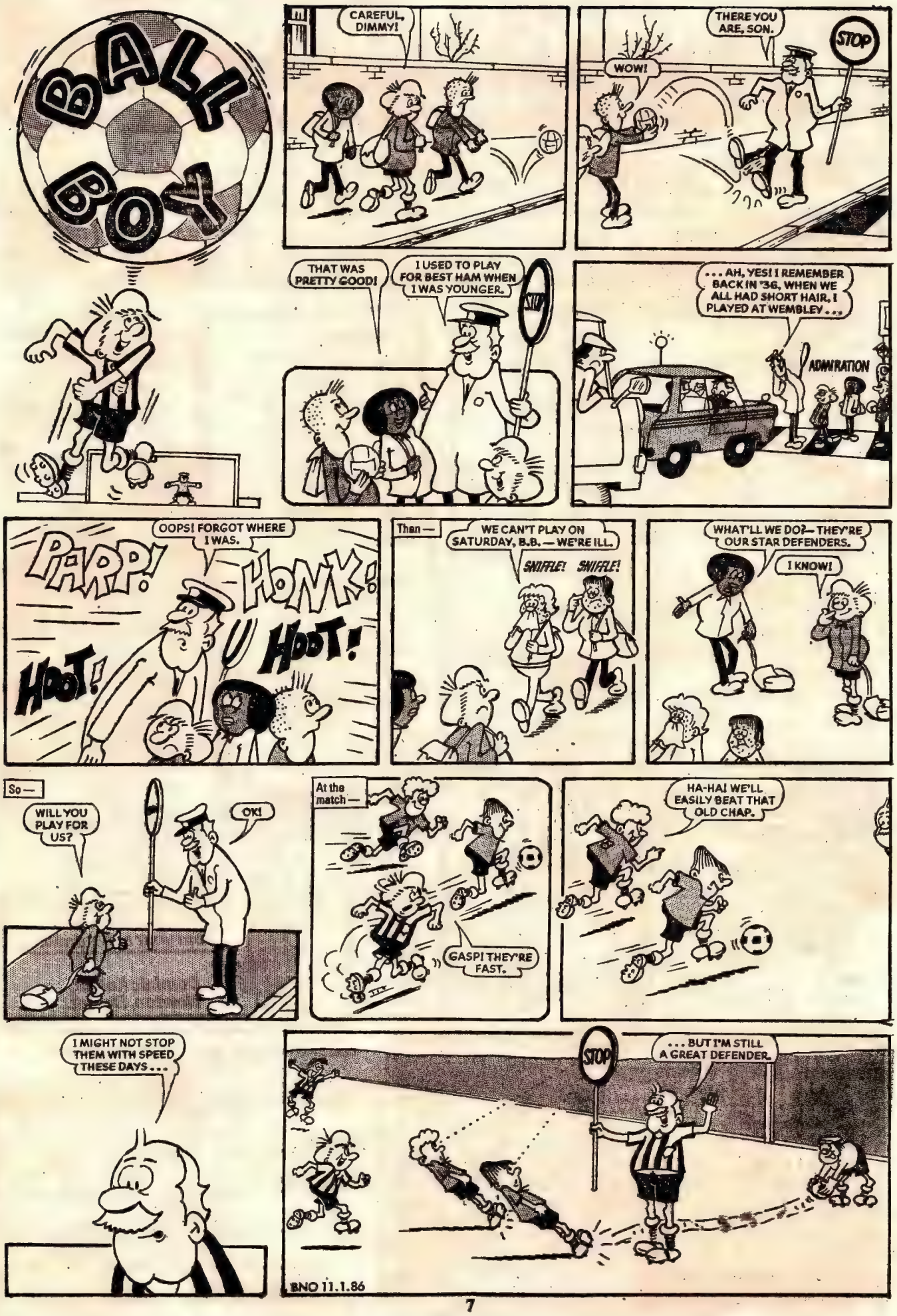
THANKS, B.B.!
TOSS
BOOT

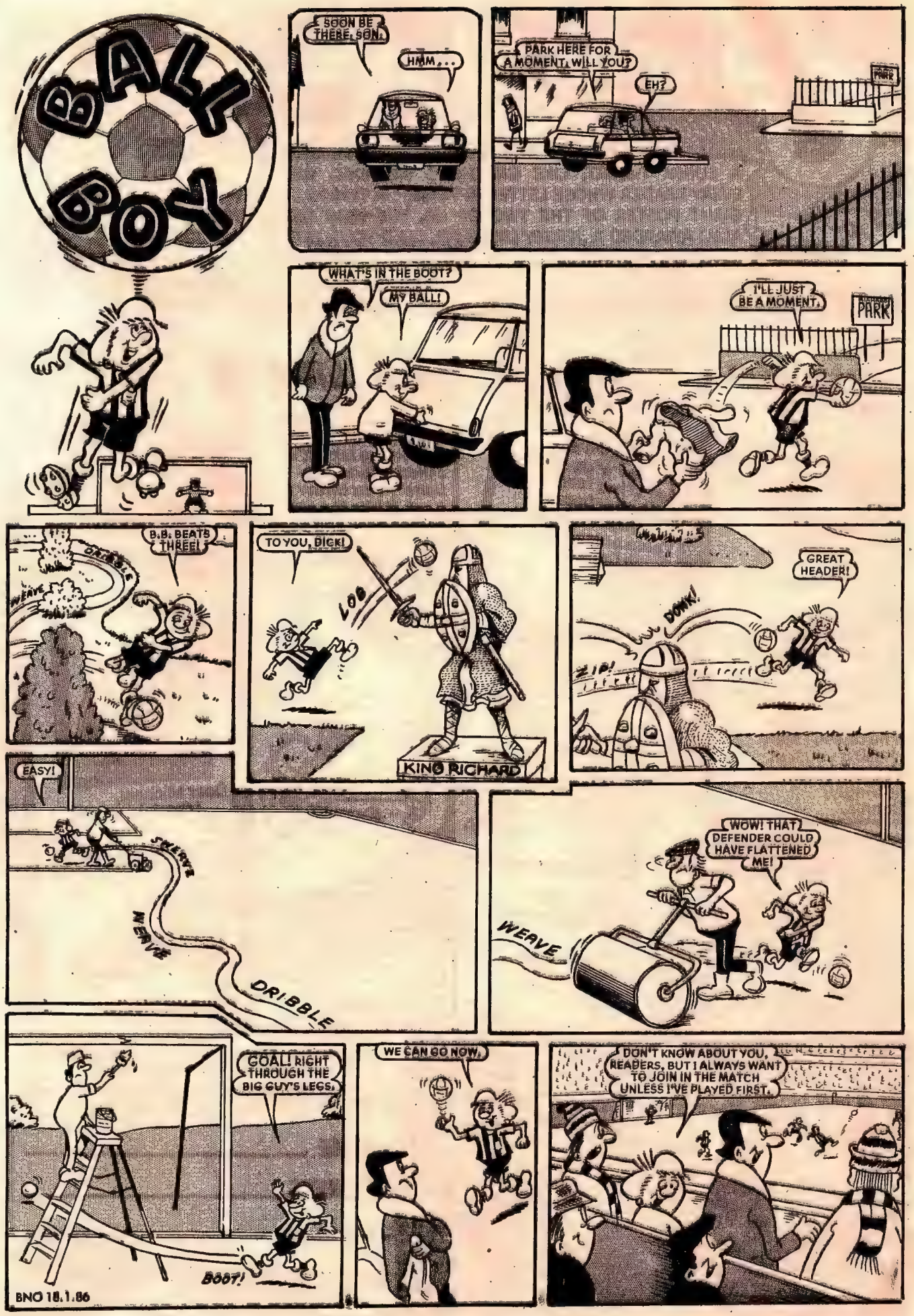
Then—
FLAP! FLAP!
WATCH IT, 'KEEPER!

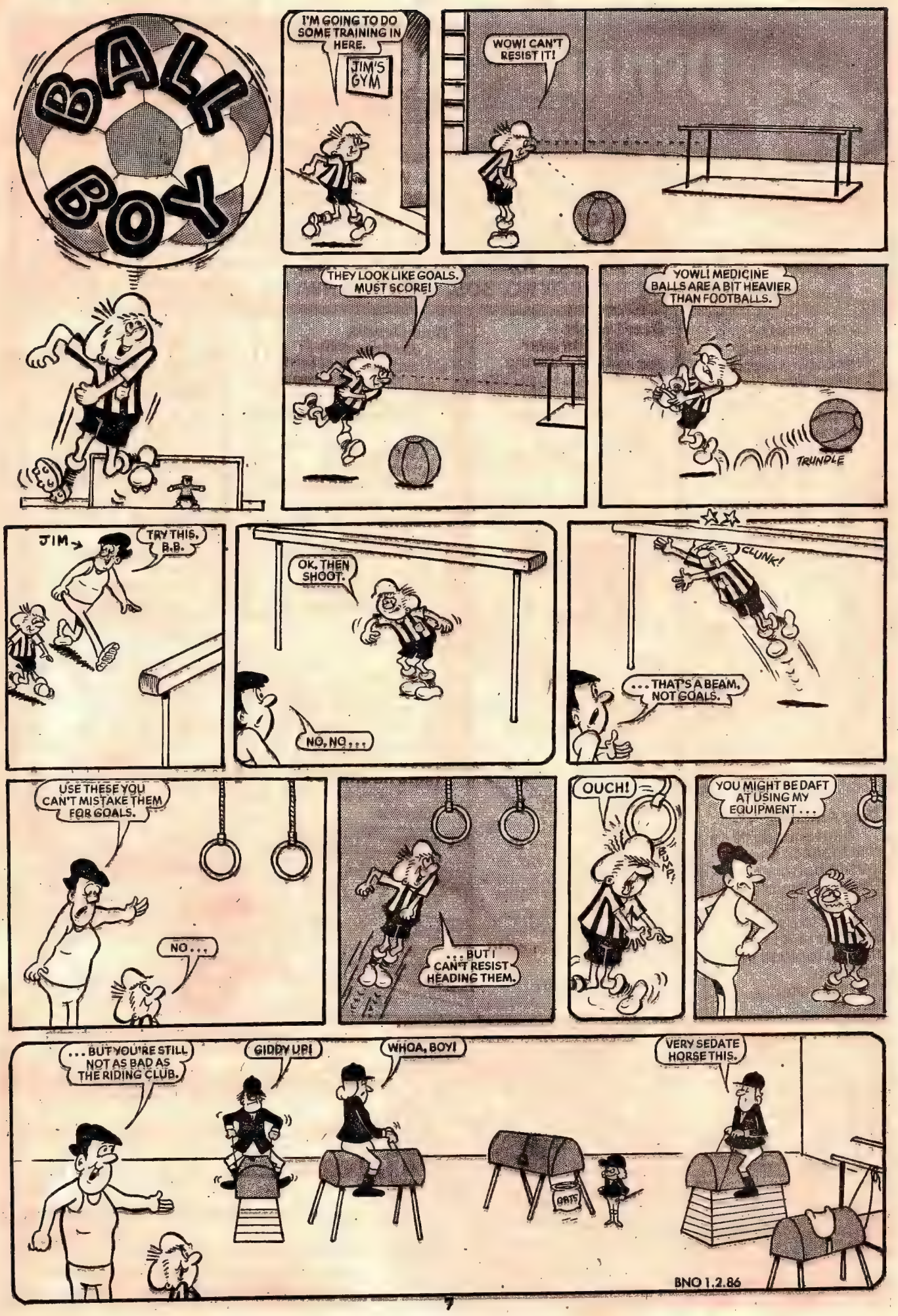

CLUCK!
GRAB
DIVE
BUMP
WELL CAUGHT!
BNO 4.1.86

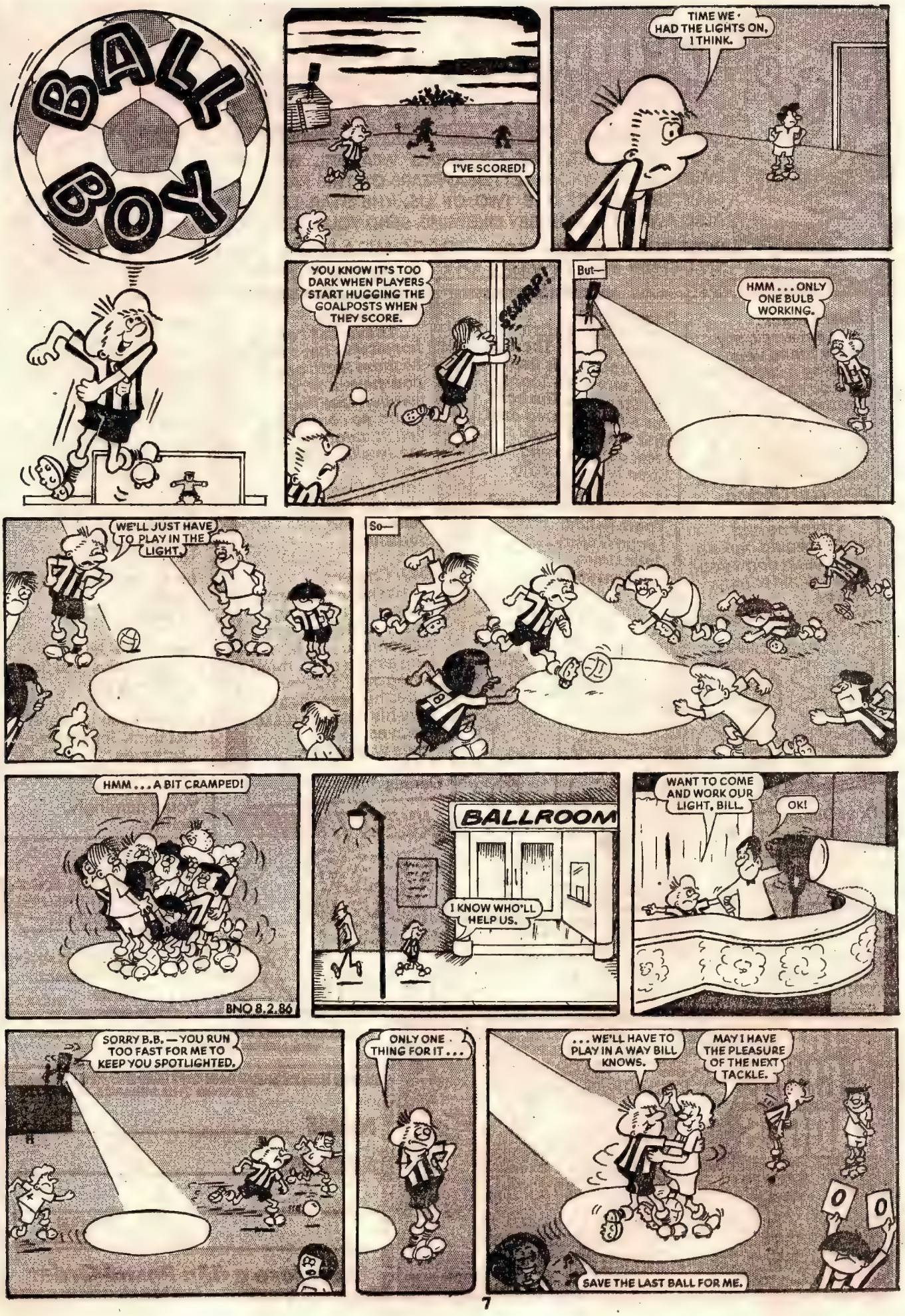
THANKS, B.B.!
DIVE
NO! DON'T KICK IT!

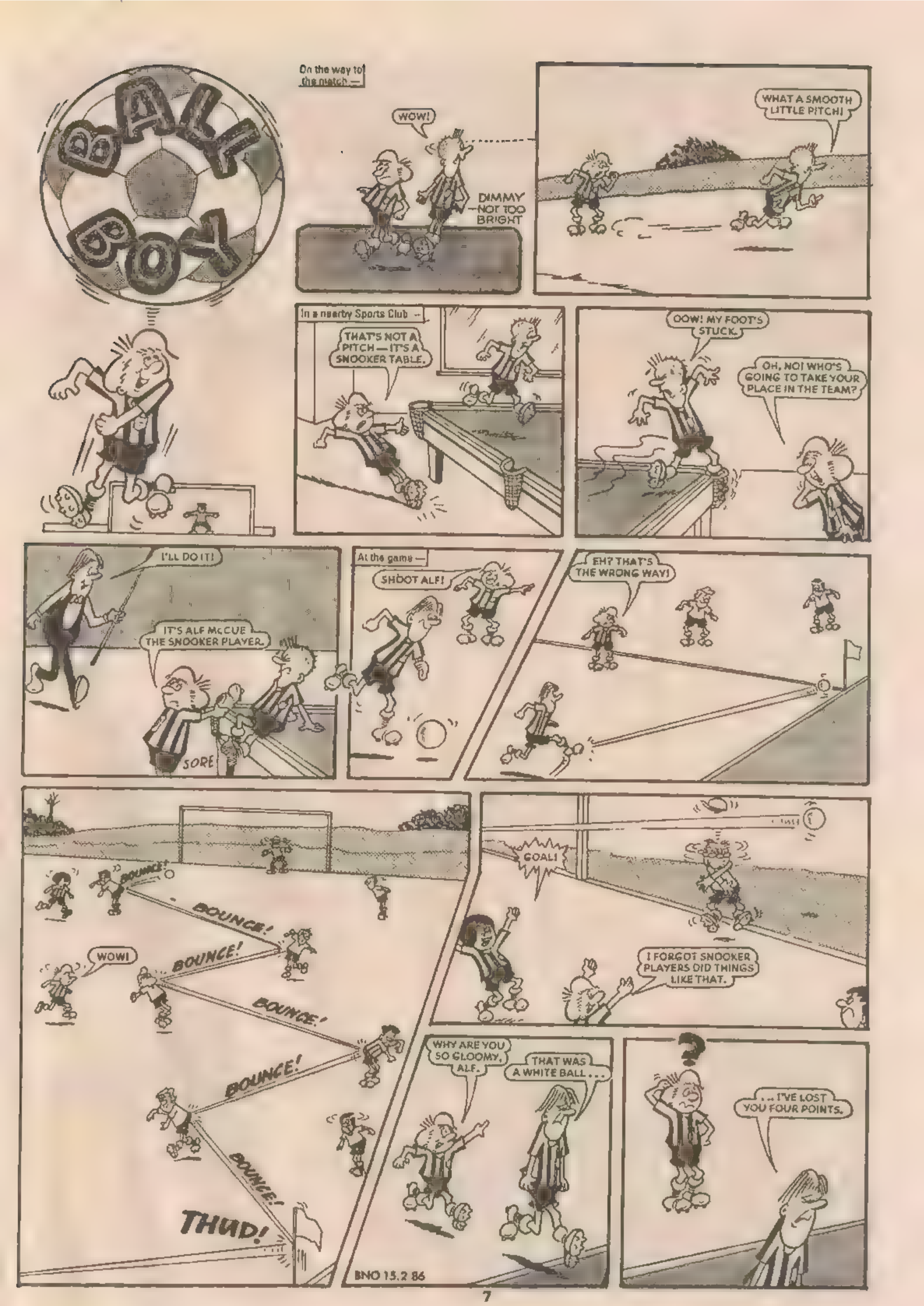
SORRY, B.B.! FORCE OF HABIT!
CLUCK!
I HAD TO MAKE A GREAT SAVE OF MY OWN!


BALL BOY
CAREFUL, DIMMY!
THERE YOU ARE, SON.
STOP
WOW!
THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD!
I USED TO PLAY FOR BEST HAM WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.
STOP
... AH, YES! I REMEMBER BACK IN '36, WHEN WE ALL HAD SHORT HAIR, I PLAYED AT WEMBLEY ...
ADMIRATION
OOPS! FORGOT WHERE I WAS.
PARP!
HONK!
HOOT!
HOOT!
Then —
WE CAN'T PLAY ON SATURDAY, B.B. — WE'RE ILL.
SNIFFLE!
SNIFFLE!
WHAT'LL WE DO? — THEY'RE OUR STAR DEFENDERS.
I KNOW!
So —
WILL YOU PLAY FOR US?
OK!
At the match —
GASP! THEY'RE FAST.
HA-HA! WE'LL EASILY BEAT THAT OLD CHAP.
I MIGHT NOT STOP THEM WITH SPEED THESE DAYS ...
STOP
... BUT I'M STILL A GREAT DEFENDER.
BNO 11.1.86


BALL BOY
SOON BE THERE, SON.
HMM...
PARK HERE FOR A MOMENT, WILL YOU?
EH?
PARK
WHAT'S IN THE BOOT?
MY BALL!
I'LL JUST BE A MOMENT.
PARK
B.B. BEATS THREE!
DRIBBLE
WEAVE
TO YOU, DICK!
LOB
KING RICHARD
GREAT HEADER!
DONK!
ZIP!
EASY!
SLALOM
WEAVE
DRIBBLE
WOW! THAT DEFENDER COULD HAVE FLATTENED ME!
WEAVE
GOAL! RIGHT THROUGH THE BIG GUY'S LEGS.
BOOT!
BNO 18.1.86
WE CAN GO NOW.
DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, READERS, BUT I ALWAYS WANT TO JOIN IN THE MATCH UNLESS I'VE PLAYED FIRST.


BALL BOY
I'M GOING TO DO SOME TRAINING IN HERE.
JIM'S GYM
WOW! CAN'T RESIST IT!
THEY LOOK LIKE GOALS. MUST SCORE!
YOW! MEDICINE BALLS ARE A BIT HEAVIER THAN FOOTBALLS.
TRUNDLE
JIM
TRY THIS, B.B.
OK, THEN SHOOT.
NO, NO...
CLUNK!
...THAT'S A BEAM, NOT GOALS.
USE THESE YOU CAN'T MISTAKE THEM FOR GOALS.
NO...
...BUT I CAN'T RESIST HEADING THEM.
OUCH!
YOU MIGHT BE DAFT AT USING MY EQUIPMENT...
...BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT AS BAD AS THE RIDING CLUB.
GIDDY UP!
WHOA, BOY!
OATS
VERY SEDATE HORSE THIS.
BNO 1.2.86


BALL BOY
I'VE SCORED!
TIME WE HAD THE LIGHTS ON, I THINK.
YOU KNOW IT'S TOO DARK WHEN PLAYERS START HUGGING THE GOALPOSTS WHEN THEY SCORE.
SQUIRP!
But—
HMM . . . ONLY ONE BULB WORKING.
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY IN THE LIGHT.
So—
HMM . . . A BIT CRAMPED!
BNO 8.2.86
BALLROOM
I KNOW WHO'LL HELP US.
WANT TO COME AND WORK OUR LIGHT, BILL.
OK!
SORRY B.B. — YOU RUN TOO FAST FOR ME TO KEEP YOU SPOTLIGHTED.
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT . . .
. . . WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY IN A WAY BILL KNOWS.
MAY I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF THE NEXT TACKLE.
SAVE THE LAST BALL FOR ME.


BALL BOY
On the way to the match —
WOW!
DIMMY —NOT TOO BRIGHT
WHAT A SMOOTH LITTLE PITCH!
In a nearby Sports Club —
THAT'S NOT A PITCH — IT'S A SNOOKER TABLE.
OOW! MY FOOT'S STUCK.
OH, NO! WHO'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE TEAM?
I'LL DO IT!
IT'S ALF McCUE THE SNOOKER PLAYER.
SORE
At the game —
SHOOT ALF!
EH? THAT'S THE WRONG WAY!
BOUNCE!
WOW!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
THUD!
GOAL!
I FORGOT SNOOKER PLAYERS DID THINGS LIKE THAT.
WHY ARE YOU SO GLOOMY, ALF.
THAT WAS A WHITE BALL . . .
. . . I'VE LOST YOU FOUR POINTS.
BNO 15.2.86

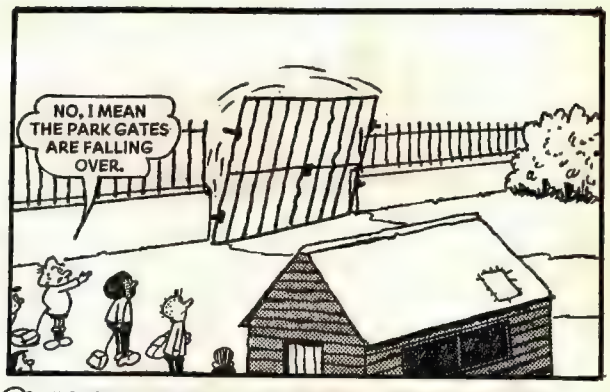
BALL BOY
TO YOU, BENJY.
HANG ON, B.B....
...HADN'T QUITE GOT TO THE TOP OF THE BUMP.
TRIP!
HELP ME DOWN!
THIS PITCH IS TOO BUMPY—I'LL SEE THE GROUNDSMAN.
SORRY, CAN'T HELP YOU—I'M USING THE ROLLER TO PRESS MY TROUSERS.
BAH!
AH, WELL WE'LL HAVE TO FLATTEN IT OURSELVES. GOOD, TUBBY!
EXCELLENT!
EVERY LITTLE HELPS!
GREAT PRACTICE, EH, BIFFER?
Soon—
THAT'S BETTER—IT'S LIKE A BOWLING GREEN NOW.
SMOOTH PASS
BNO 22.2.86
OH, NO! I WISH I'D NEVER SAID THAT.
THE BOWLING CLUB HEARD ME.
DID SOMEONE SAY THIS WAS A BOWLING GREEN?

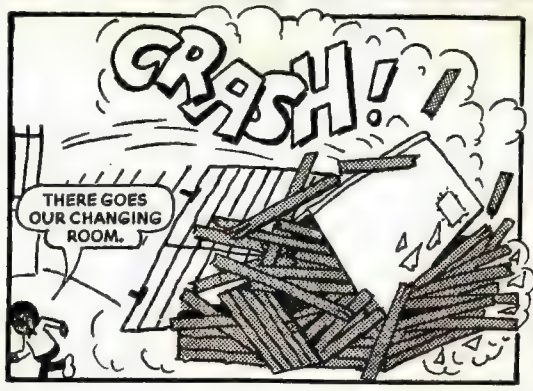
BALL BOY
B.B. DRIBBLES TOWARDS GOAL — ONLY GRAEME SOUNESS CAN STOP HIM . . .
DRIBBLE
HE'S PAST!
SWERVES
CLUNK!
I'LL HAVE TO MOVE THAT POSTER — I'M ALWAYS RUNNING INTO THE WALL.
MUCH BETTER THERE.
PAST AGAIN!
SWERVE
BAH! MORE DEFENDERS.
HMPH! BEATEN!
I'M REALLY ANNOYED!
BOUNCE
BAD TEMPERED KICK
BLAM!
SWING
THUD!
WHAT HAPPENED?
BAD
HE FOULED ME!
POOR BOY! HE'S GOING MAD!
BNO 1.3.86

BALL BOY
WE'RE A MAN SHORT, B.B. — WANT A GAME?
WOW! OK!
HOME
HERE'S A JERSEY.
TA! FANCY ME PLAYING WITH THE BIG LADS.
HMM... THIS ISN'T TOO GOOD A FIT.
OOOF! THEY PASS A LOT HARDER THAN BOYS.
ROCKET
WE CROSS HIGHER TOO. YOU NEED A LADDER.
UNLESS...
GOAL!
GREAT GOAL!
TA, B.B.!
WAHEY!
BNO 8.3.86
GASP! THEY CONGRATULATE FAR HARDER IN BIG TEAMS.
TIME UP!
AHA! BUT THERE IS AN ADVANTAGE...
SAUSAGE ROLLS
BEEF BURGERS
CHEESE BURGERS
CHIPS
MORE CHIPS
BIG TEAMS GET BIGGER AFTER MATCH MEALS.
TEA
SOFT DRINKS
CHIPS

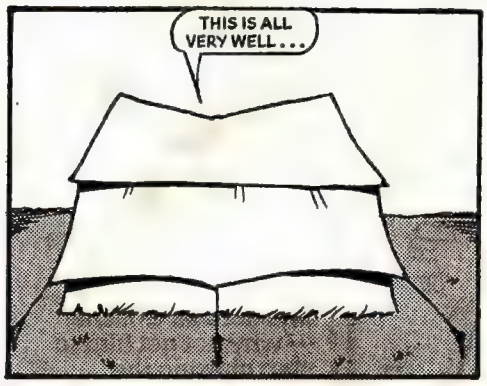
BALL BOY

THE PROBLEM WITH FOOTBALL TODAY IS FALLING GATES...
YOU MEAN LESS PEOPLE PAYING TO SEE IT?


NO, I MEAN THE PARK GATES ARE FALLING OVER.


CRASH!
THERE GOES OUR CHANGING ROOM.

WHERE'LL WE CHANGE?
I'VE GOT A TENT.


THIS IS ALL VERY WELL...

...BUT IT'S A BIT CRAMPED.

GULP! NO TIME TO CHANGE AGAIN — WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY LIKE THIS.

HOP!
HMM... THIS COULD BE THE BEST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO US.

GOAL!
THUD!
SID'S HEADING'S MUCH BETTER THAN USUAL.

OUR DEFENCE IS IMPROVED, TOO.
URF!
BNO 15.3.86

GREAT, LADS — 10-0 WE WON. THANKS TO THE TENT.

WHICH HAS ALSO GIVEN ME A GOOD IDEA FOR GETTING HOME CHEAPLY.

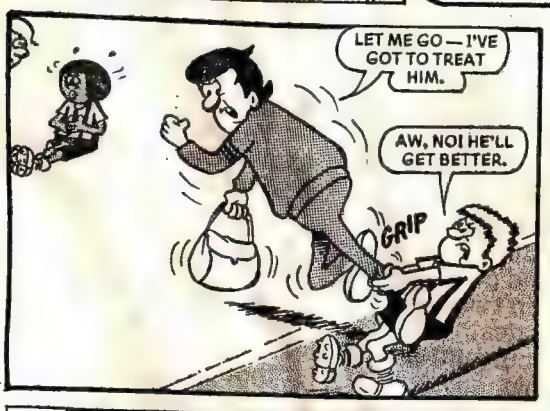
Soon—
BUY THE BEANO
ONE, PLEASE.

BALL BOY

GO ON NUMBER FIVE, GET INTO HIM!
READER'S VOICE
THE CROWD DON'T LIKE YOU TODAY, BB.

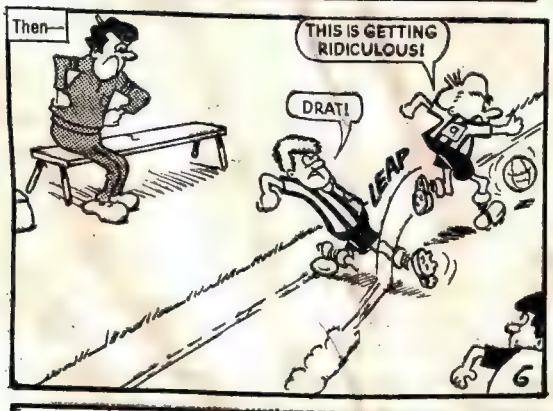
NOT THE CROWD, JUST OUR SUB — HE WANTS ON!
TRAINER
GO ON! HIT THOSE STRIPED SOFTIES.

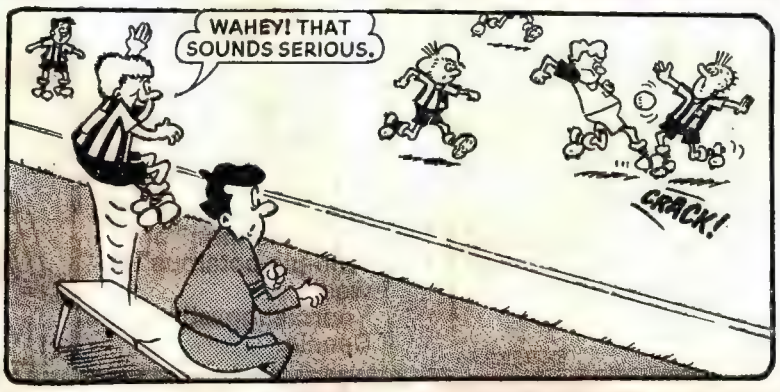
YAHOO! BENJY'S INJURED!
WHUMP!


LET ME GO — I'VE GOT TO TREAT HIM.
AW, NO! HE'LL GET BETTER.
GRIP

BAH! HALF-TIME AND I'M STILL NOT ON.
AH! I FEEL BETTER.

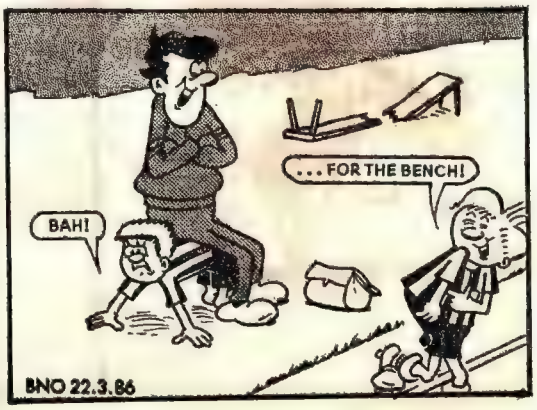
NO I DON'T WANT THAT PIE — IT'D MAKE ME ILL.
I HOPED IT WOULD.


Then—
THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!
DRAT!
LEAP


WAHEY! THAT SOUNDS SERIOUS.
CRACK!

GURK!
WAH!
CRAK!

IT WAS JUST MY SHIN PAD THAT CRACKED.
WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE SUB, THOUGH . . .


. . . FOR THE BENCH!
BAH!
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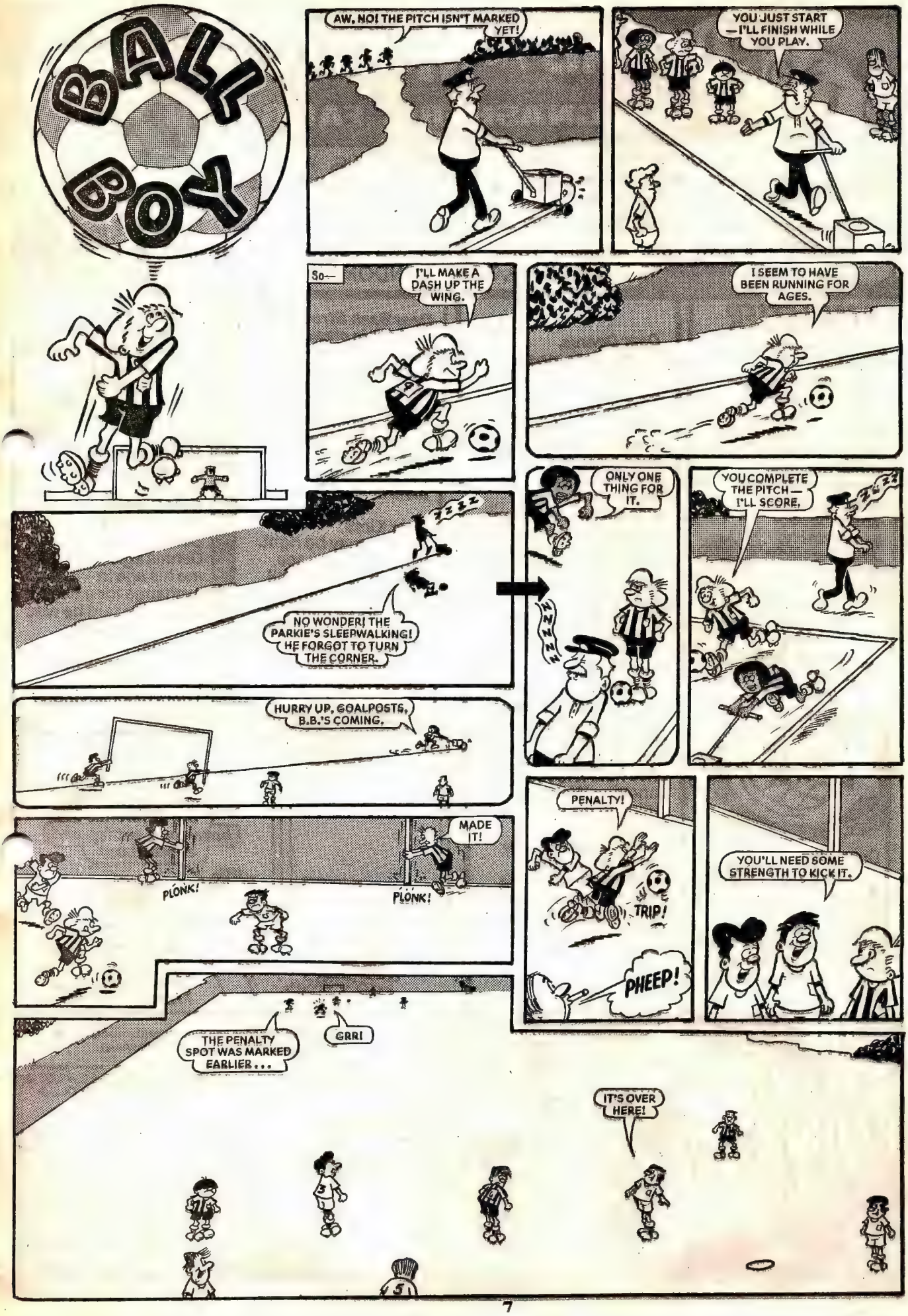
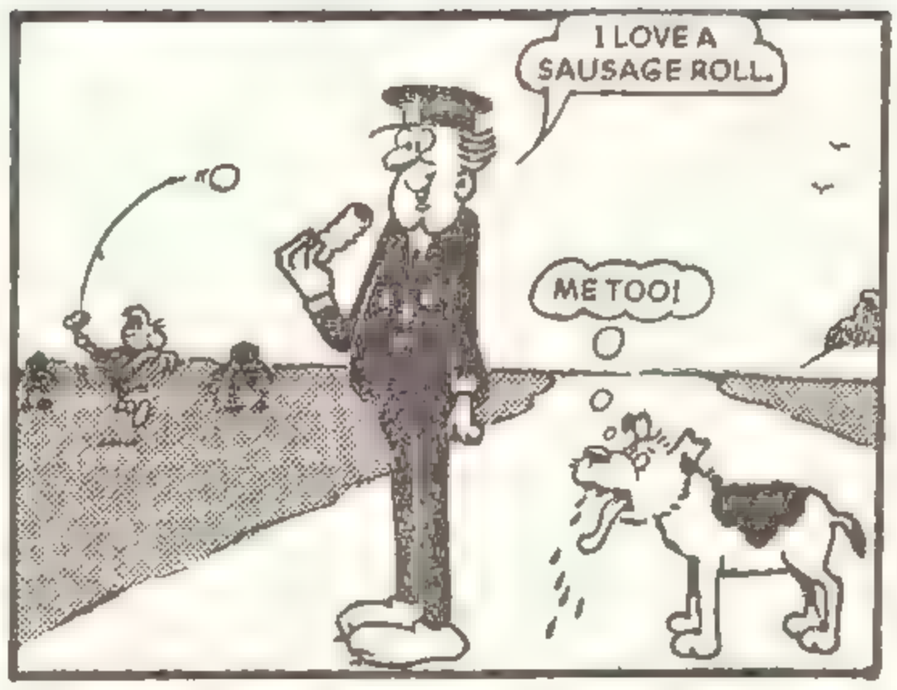
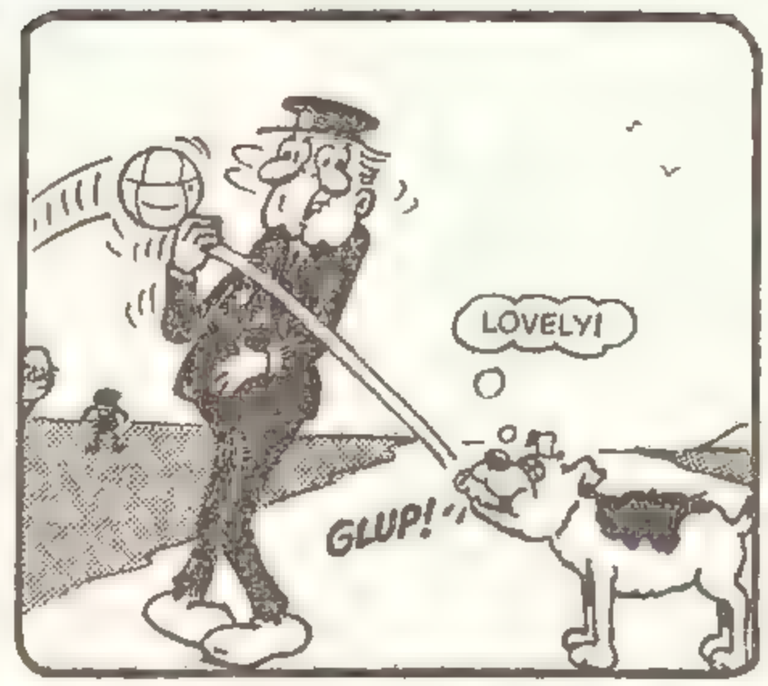

BALL BOY
AW, NO! THE PITCH ISN'T MARKED YET!
YOU JUST START — I'LL FINISH WHILE YOU PLAY.
So—
I'LL MAKE A DASH UP THE WING.
I SEEM TO HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR AGES.
ZZZZ
NO WONDER! THE PARKIE'S SLEEPWALKING! HE FORGOT TO TURN THE CORNER.
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT.
ZZZZZZ
YOU COMPLETE THE PITCH — I'LL SCORE.
ZZZZ
HURRY UP, GOALPOSTS, B.B.'S COMING.
MADE IT!
PLONK!
PLONK!
PENALTY!
TRIP!
PHEEP!
YOU'LL NEED SOME STRENGTH TO KICK IT.
THE PENALTY SPOT WAS MARKED EARLIER...
GRR!
IT'S OVER HERE!

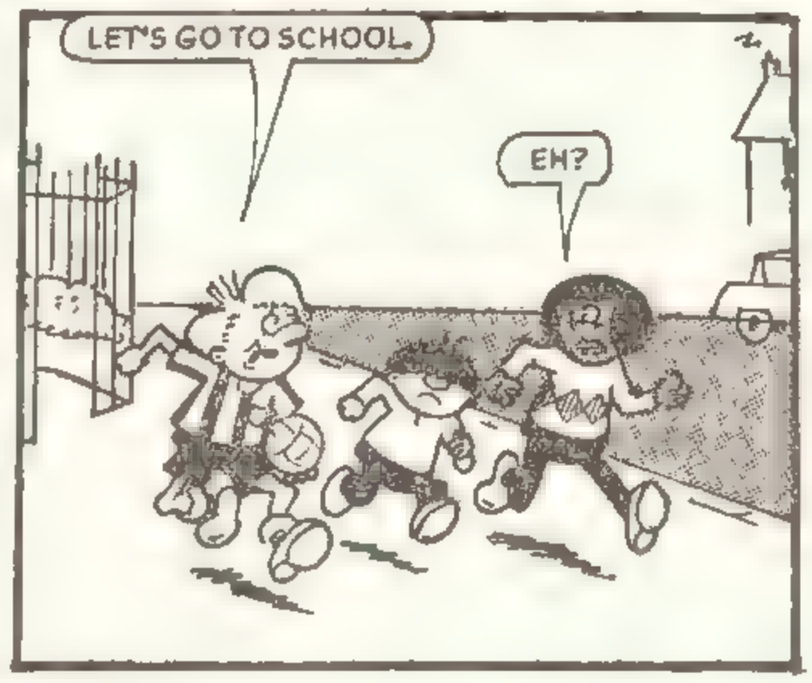
BALL BOY
WOW! WE'VE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THOSE BEFORE.
COME ON B.B.'S TEAM!
WE'VE GOT A FAN.
GREAT, B.B!
WE SHOULD PLAY BETTER WITH A FAN.
JINK
But—
HEY, BALL BOY...
...CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
OH...ALL RIGHT!
The game continues—
YOU'LL NEVER WALK...
...ER—WHAT'S THE NEXT LINE?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW?
WE'LL HELP!
...ALONE!
COME ON—WE WANT TO PLAY ON!
IMPATIENT TAPS
TAP! TAP!
THAT FAN IS JUST A PEST—WE EVEN HAVE TO SING HIS SONGS.
FLIP!
Then—
OH, NO! THE BALL'S GOING INTO MRS BALLBUSTER'S GARDEN!
GOAL!
SHE'LL BURST IT!
BAH!
EH?
BNO 5.4.86
I THOUGHT I WAS MEANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM!
SAVED OUR BALL!
WELL DONE!

BALL BOY

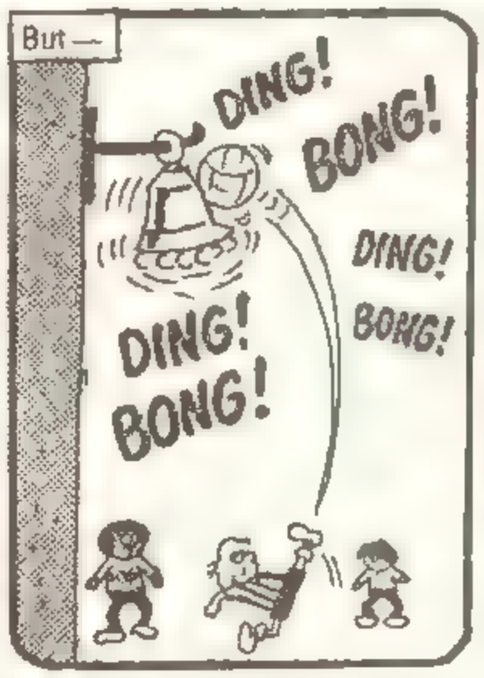

I LOVE A SAUSAGE ROLL.
ME TOO!


LOVELY!
GLUP!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT — GET OUT OF MY PARK!
WHERE'LL WE GO NOW?


LET'S GO TO SCHOOL.
EH?

IT'S SATURDAY — WE CAN PLAY IN THE PLAYGROUND.


But —
DING!
BONG!
DING!
BONG!
DING!
BONG!

DING!
BONG!
MUST HAVE GOT OUR DAYS MIXED UP!
OH-OH! TEACHERS.

TWIT! WE ALMOST HAD TO DO LESSONS!
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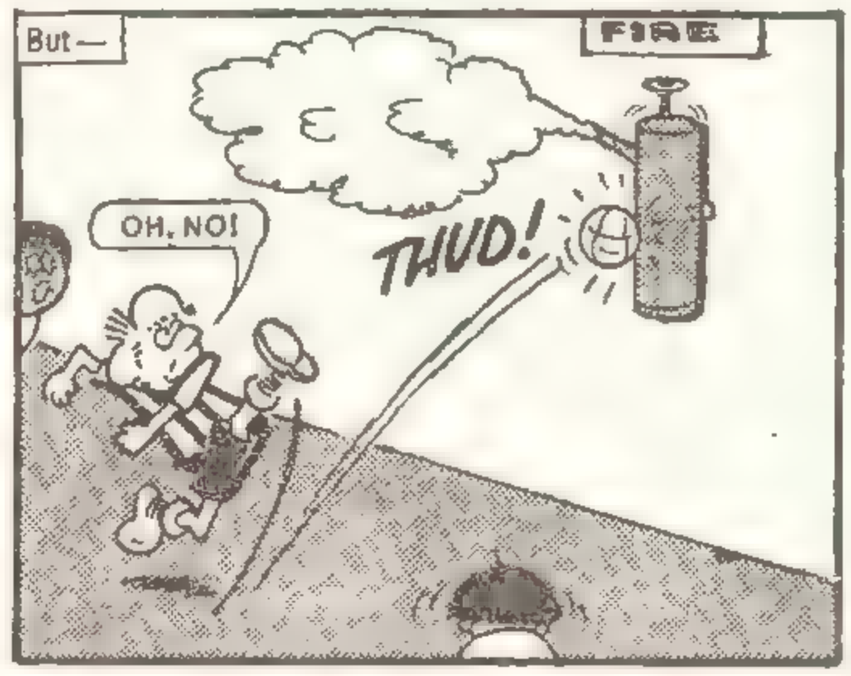
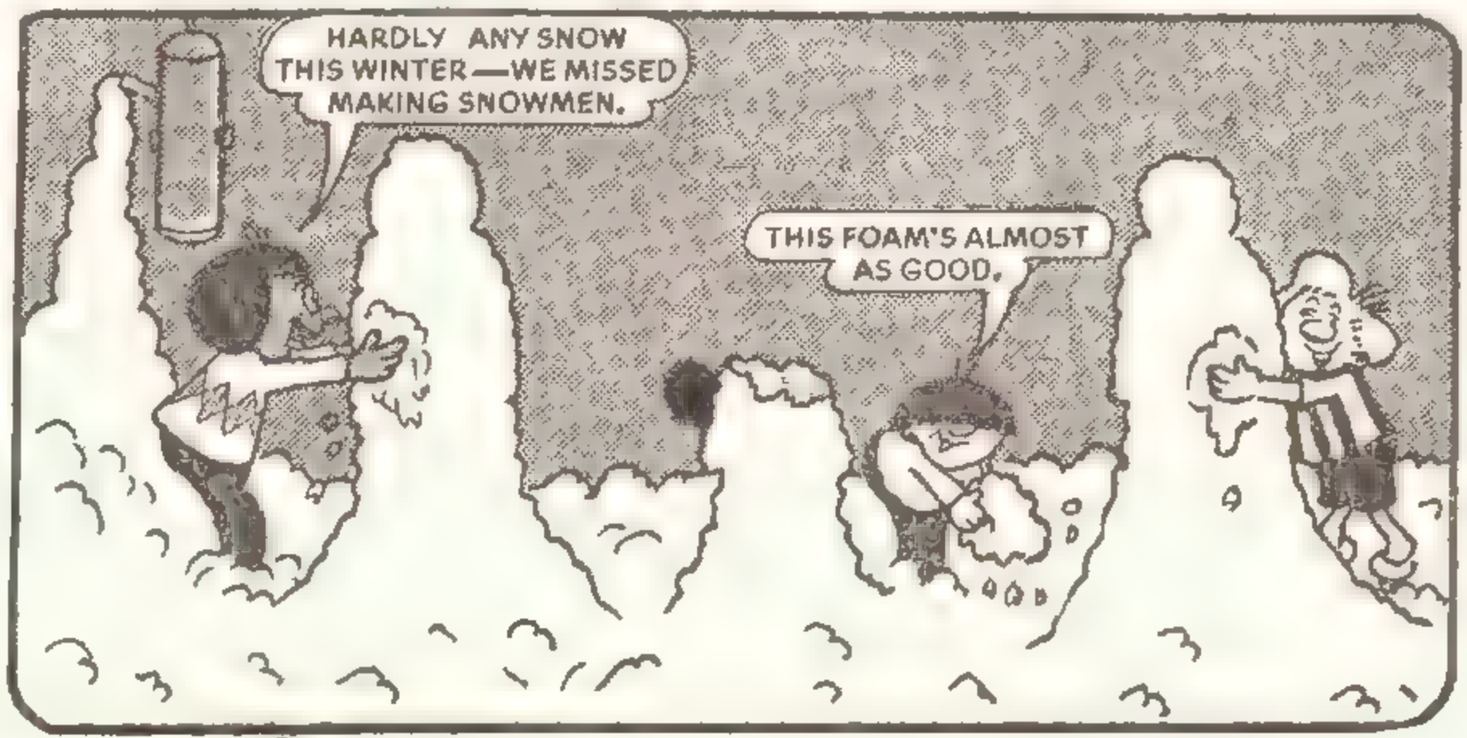
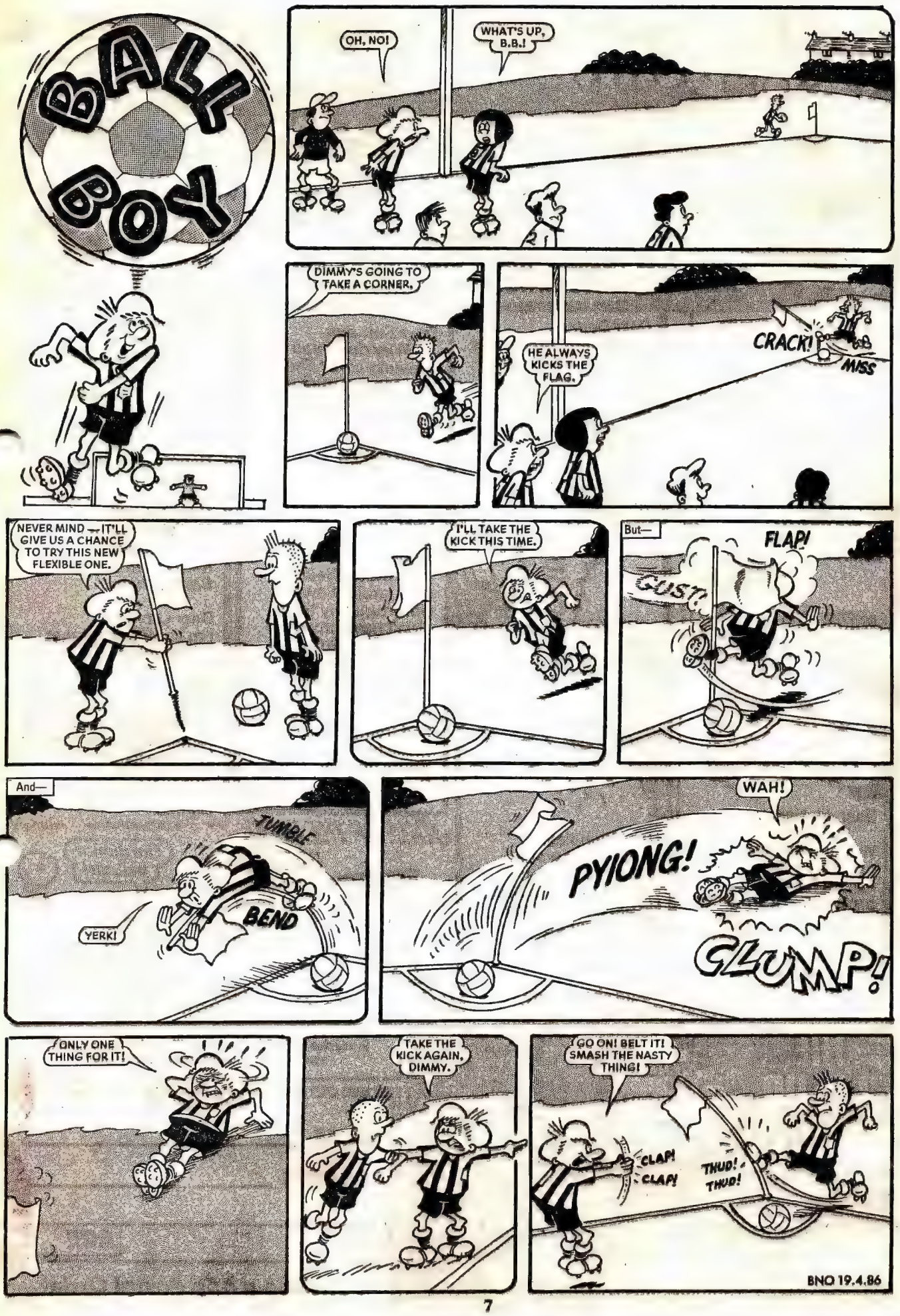
WE'LL PLAY IN HERE — NOTHING FOR B.B. TO HIT.
SPORTS HALL


But —
FIRE
OH, NO!
THUD!

WELL DONE!
THANKS, B.B.
PAT!
PAT!


HARDLY ANY SNOW THIS WINTER — WE MISSED MAKING SNOWMEN.
THIS FOAM'S ALMOST AS GOOD.


BALL BOY
OH, NO!
WHAT'S UP, B.B.!
DIMMY'S GOING TO TAKE A CORNER.
HE ALWAYS KICKS THE FLAG.
CRACK!
MISS
NEVER MIND — IT'LL GIVE US A CHANCE TO TRY THIS NEW FLEXIBLE ONE.
I'LL TAKE THE KICK THIS TIME.
But—
FLAP!
GUST!
And—
TUMBLE
YERK!
BEND
WAH!
PYIONG!
GLUMP!
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT!
TAKE THE KICK AGAIN, DIMMY.
GO ON! BELT IT! SMASH THE NASTY THING!
CLAP! CLAP!
THUD! THUD!
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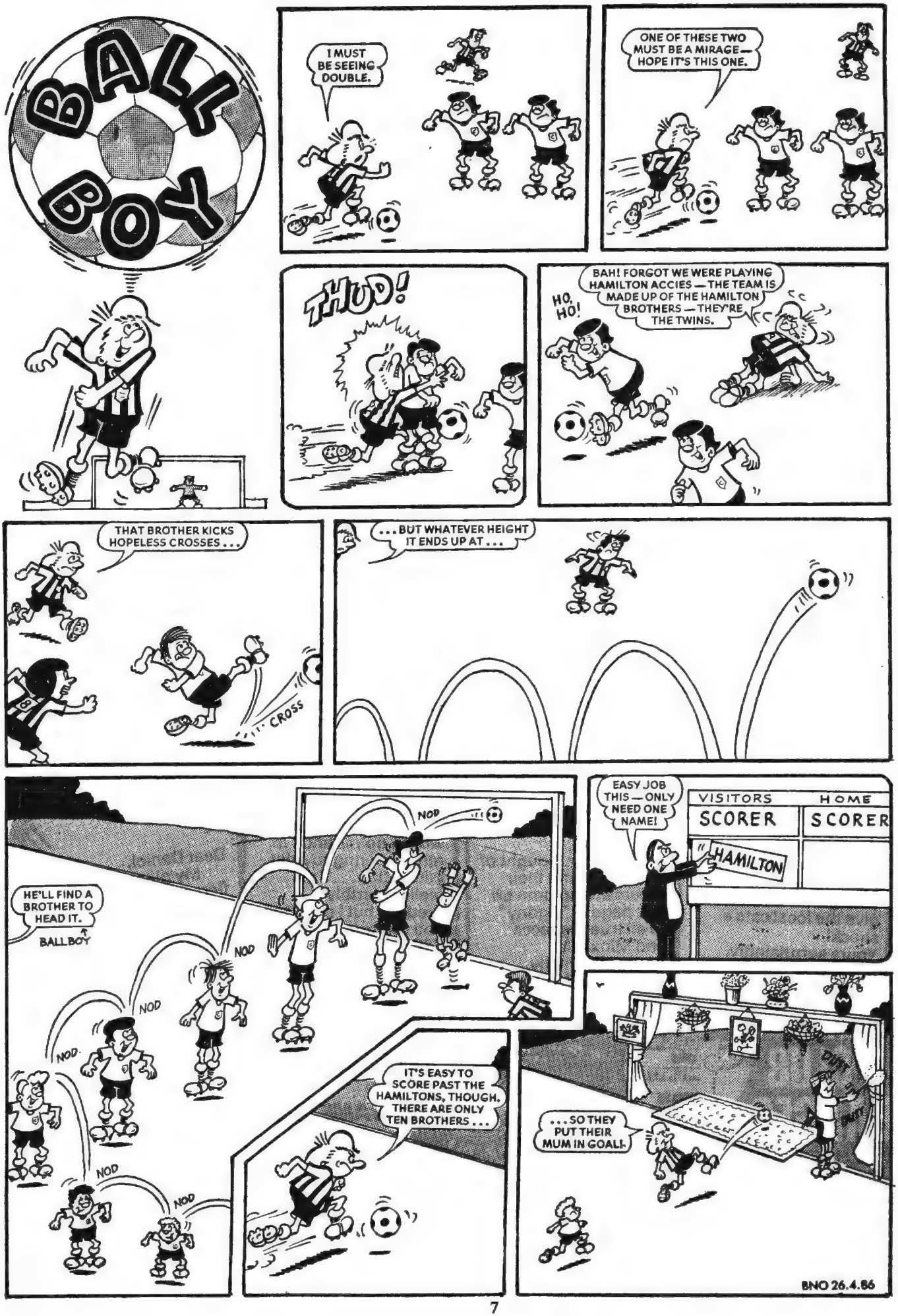
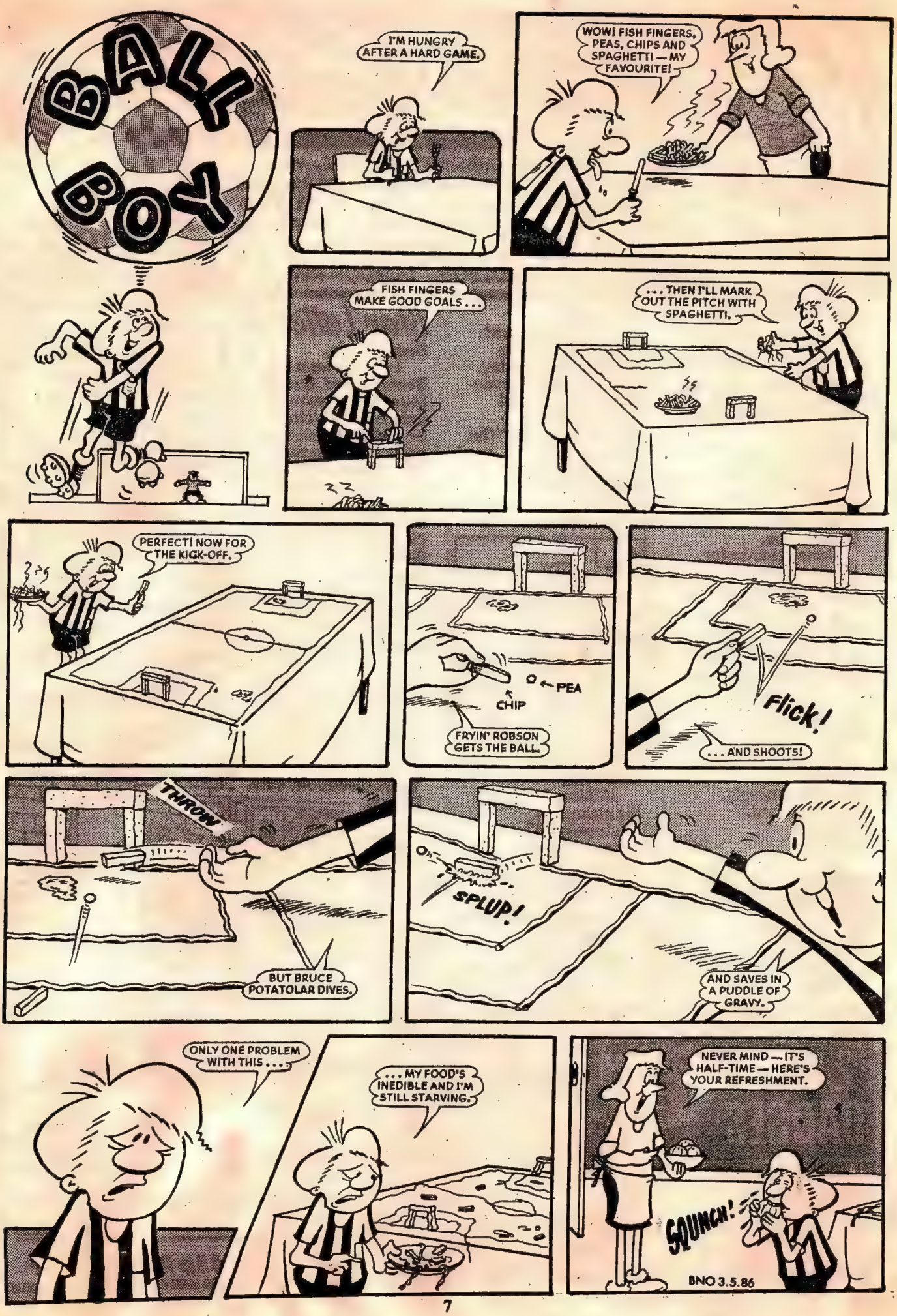
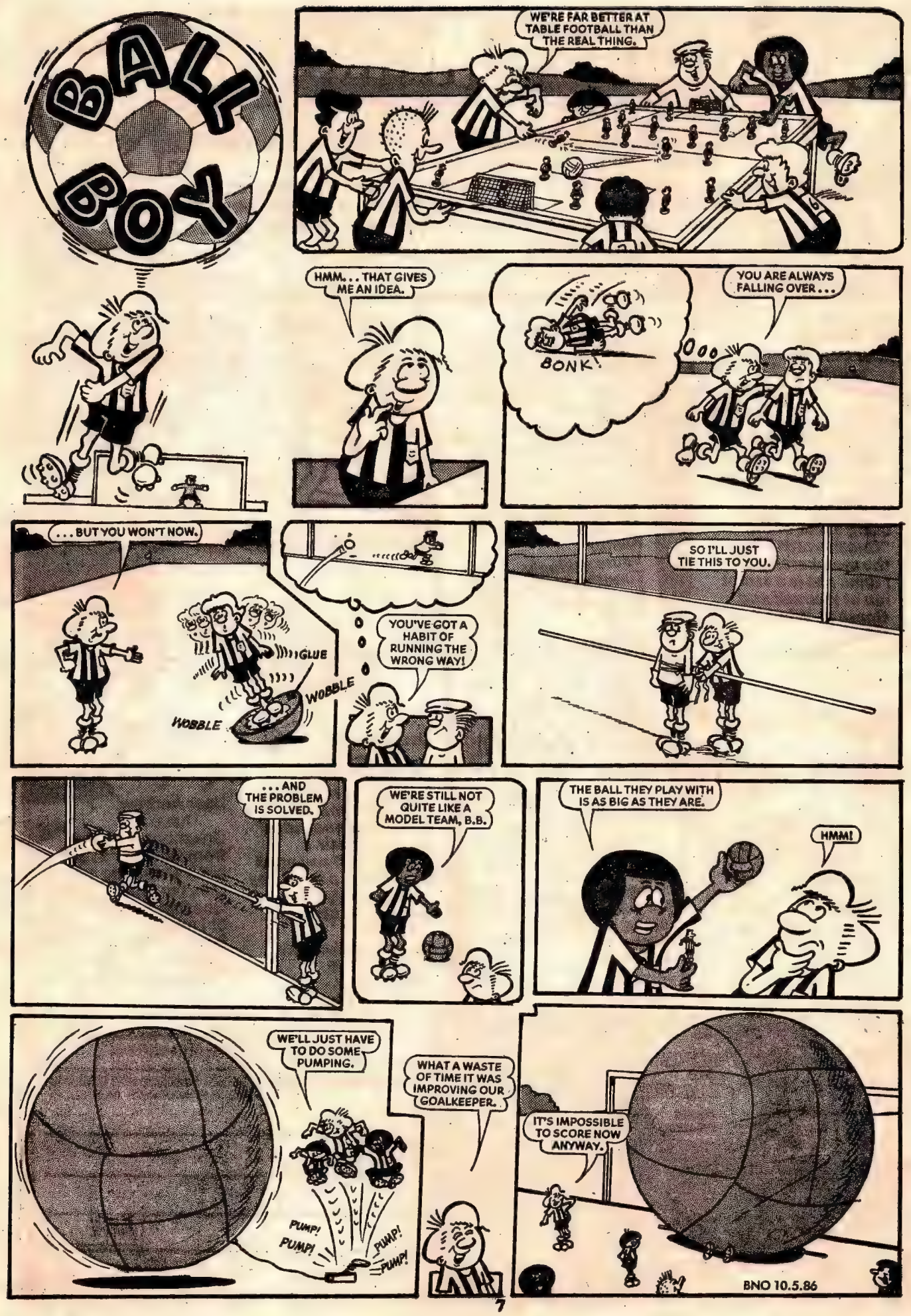
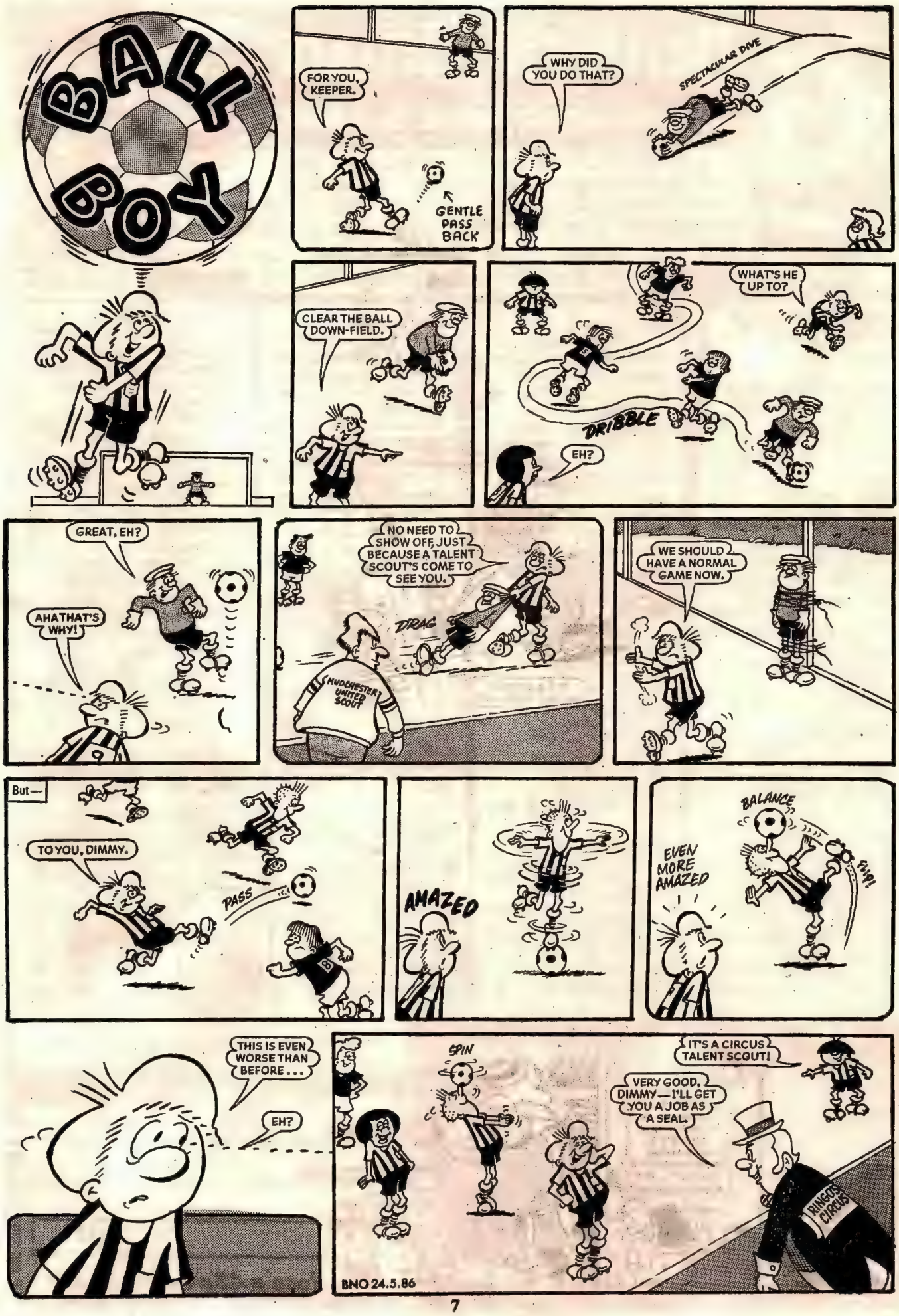

BALL BOY
I MUST BE SEEING DOUBLE.
ONE OF THESE TWO MUST BE A MIRAGE— HOPE IT'S THIS ONE.
THUD!
BAH! FORGOT WE WERE PLAYING HAMILTON ACCIES — THE TEAM IS MADE UP OF THE HAMILTON BROTHERS — THEY'RE THE TWINS.
HO, HO!
THAT BROTHER KICKS HOPELESS CROSSES . . .
CROSS
. . . BUT WHATEVER HEIGHT IT ENDS UP AT . . .
HE'LL FIND A BROTHER TO HEAD IT.
BALL BOY
NOD
EASY JOB THIS — ONLY NEED ONE NAME!
VISITORS SCORER
HOME SCORER
HAMILTON
IT'S EASY TO SCORE PAST THE HAMILTONS, THOUGH. THERE ARE ONLY TEN BROTHERS . . .
. . . SO THEY PUT THEIR MUM IN GOAL!
BNO 26.4.86


BALL BOY
I'M HUNGRY AFTER A HARD GAME.
WOW! FISH FINGERS, PEAS, CHIPS AND SPAGHETTI — MY FAVOURITE!
FISH FINGERS MAKE GOOD GOALS . . .
. . . THEN I'LL MARK OUT THE PITCH WITH SPAGHETTI.
PERFECT! NOW FOR THE KICK-OFF.
PEA
CHIP
FRYIN' ROBSON GETS THE BALL.
Flick!
. . . AND SHOOTS!
THROW
BUT BRUCE POTATOLAR DIVES.
SPLUP!
AND SAVES IN A PUDDLE OF GRAVY.
ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THIS . . .
. . . MY FOOD'S INEDIBLE AND I'M STILL STARVING.
NEVER MIND — IT'S HALF-TIME — HERE'S YOUR REFRESHMENT.
SQUNCH!
BNO 3.5.86


BALL BOY
WE'RE FAR BETTER AT TABLE FOOTBALL THAN THE REAL THING.
HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.
BONK!
YOU ARE ALWAYS FALLING OVER...
...BUT YOU WON'T NOW.
GLUE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
YOU'VE GOT A HABIT OF RUNNING THE WRONG WAY!
SO I'LL JUST TIE THIS TO YOU.
...AND THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED.
WE'RE STILL NOT QUITE LIKE A MODEL TEAM, B.B.
THE BALL THEY PLAY WITH IS AS BIG AS THEY ARE.
HMM!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DO SOME PUMPING.
PUMP!
PUMP!
PUMP!
PUMP!
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME IT WAS IMPROVING OUR GOALKEEPER.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SCORE NOW ANYWAY.
BNO 10.5.86

BALL BOY
RIGHT TEAM, TURN OVER YOUR SWEETS.
EH?
WHAT?
BOO!
HOME
VISITORS
VISITORS
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
I'LL GIVE YOU TEN CHOCOLATE BARS, TWO PACKETS OF CRISPS AND THREE BARELY SUCKED GOBSTOPPERS FOR HIM.
DONE!
THIS IS OUR NEW SIGNING KENNY HANDSOME.
I ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY IN A NATTY STRIPED SHIRT.
The game starts —
OH, NO! HE'S NOT EVEN LOOKING.
PASS
WOW! GREAT PASS.
PASS
GASP!
I SAW IT IN MY MIRROR — I ALWAYS CHECK MY HAIR'S IN PLACE FOR A GAME.
MISSED!
I'LL HEAD IT IN!
DON'T WANT TO RUFFLE MY HAIR — I'LL USE BB'S HEAD.
LIFT
WELL DONE!
GREAT GOAL!
SLAP!
SLAP!
MY POOR HAIR! I'M GOING BACK TO MY OLD TEAM.
WHAT DID WE DO?
BNO 17.5.86


BALL BOY
FOR YOU, KEEPER.
GENTLE PASS BACK
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
SPECTACULAR DIVE
CLEAR THE BALL DOWN-FIELD.
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
DRIBBLE
EH?
GREAT, EH?
AHA THAT'S WHY!
NO NEED TO SHOW OFF, JUST BECAUSE A TALENT SCOUT'S COME TO SEE YOU.
DRAG
MUDCHESTER UNITED SCOUT
WE SHOULD HAVE A NORMAL GAME NOW.
But—
TO YOU, DIMMY.
PASS
AMAZED
BALANCE
EVEN MORE AMAZED
FWP!
THIS IS EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE...
EH?
SPIN
IT'S A CIRCUS TALENT SCOUT!
VERY GOOD, DIMMY — I'LL GET YOU A JOB AS A SEAL.
KINGS CIRCUS
BNO 24.5.86

BALL BOY
HEY! THERE'S BALL BOY!
WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY A GAME WITH YOU.
EH? BUT I'M TOO BIG — OH, WELL!
I'LL BE IN GOAL! YOU TRY SOME SHOTS AT ME!
POOR KIDS! I'LL MAKE SURE THEY SCORE.
YAHOO! I SCORED!
FEEBLE SHOT
TSK! THAT ONE FOOLED ME!
AHEM! I DIDN'T EVEN SEE THAT ONE COMING!
SOFT SHOT
GOAL!
GOT IT!
BUT COULDN'T HOLD IT! WHAT A POWERFUL SHOT!
TOSS
COME OUT OF GOAL TO SEE IF YOU CAN SCORE AGAINST US.
OK!
GOSH! WHAT A TOUGH TACKLE!
PUNY TACKLE
AND YOUR 'KEEPER SAVED MY HARDEST SHOT!
GENTLE TAP
WELL, HAVE TO GO NOW. GOT A GAME!
THAT GAVE THEM A NICE TREAT, BEATING THEIR HERO.
At the game—
SORRY, BB. YOU'RE DROPPED TODAY!
EH? WHY?
SAW YOU PLAYING AGAINST THE TODDLERS — THEY WERE FAR BETTER!
B-BUT...
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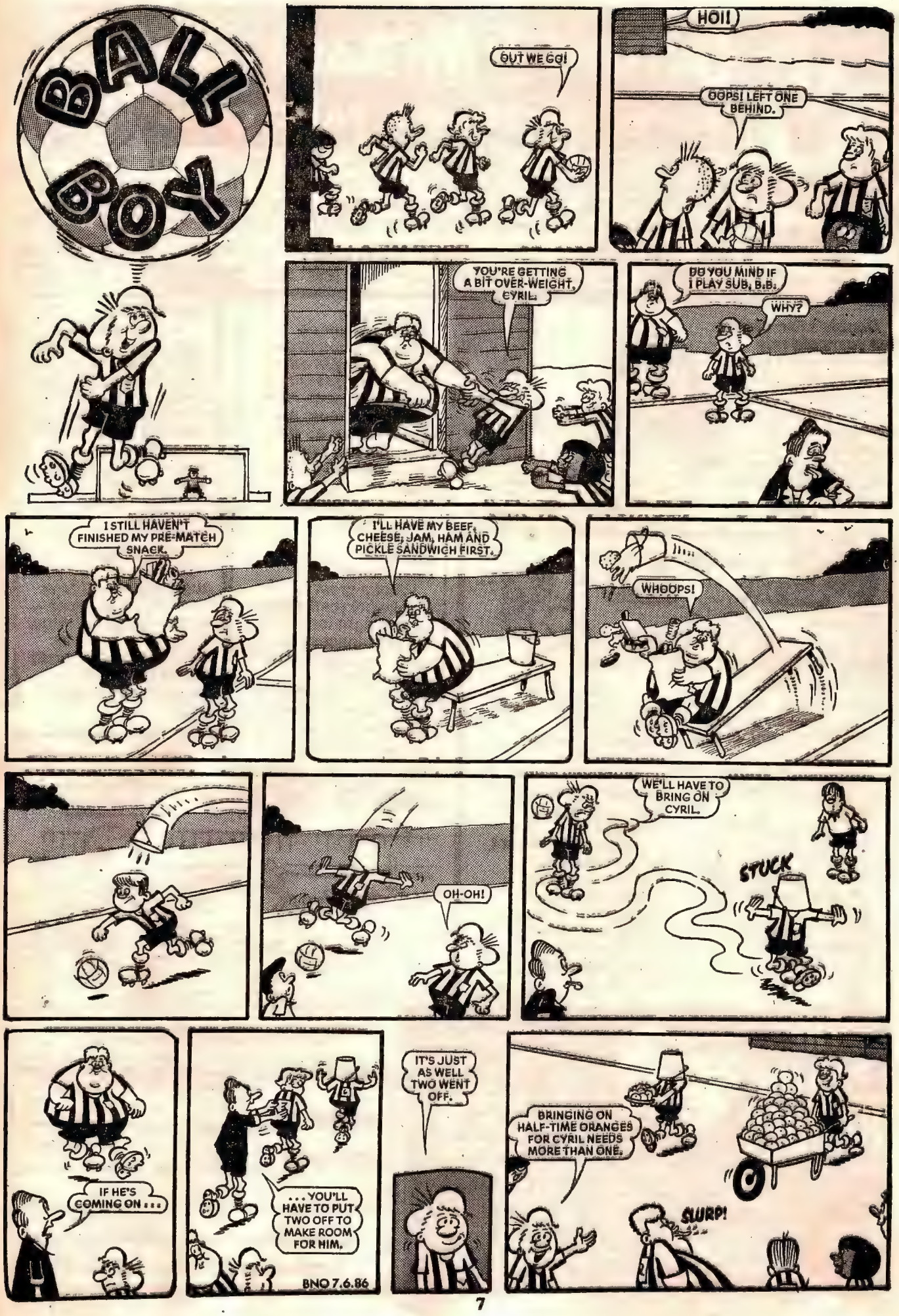
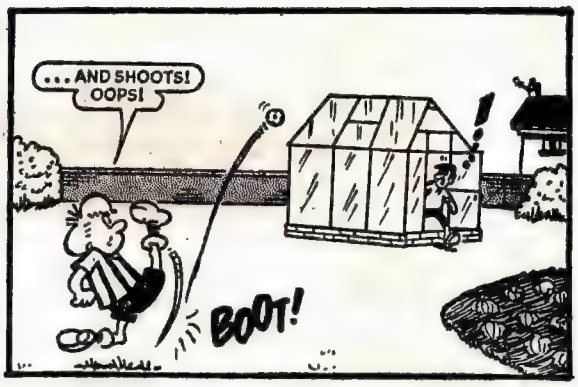

BALL BOY
OUT WE GO!
HOI!
OOPS! LEFT ONE BEHIND.
YOU'RE GETTING A BIT OVER-WEIGHT, CYRIL.
DO YOU MIND IF I PLAY SUB, B.B.
WHY?
I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED MY PRE-MATCH SNACK.
I'LL HAVE MY BEEF, CHEESE, JAM, HAM AND PICKLE SANDWICH FIRST.
WHOOPS!
OH-OH!
WE'LL HAVE TO BRING ON CYRIL.
STUCK
IF HE'S COMING ON . . .
. . . YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT TWO OFF TO MAKE ROOM FOR HIM.
BNO 7.6.86
IT'S JUST AS WELL TWO WENT OFF.
BRINGING ON HALF-TIME ORANGES FOR CYRIL NEEDS MORE THAN ONE.
SLURP!

BALL BOY
THOSE BRAZILIANS ARE BRILLIANT AT CURLING BALLS — MY TEAM WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO DO IT.
ISSA GOLA!
So, at training—
OORF!
OOPS!
URF!
YOU'RE ALL HOPELESS — I'LL SHOW YOU!
SEE, IT'S EASY!
BOOT!
OUCH!
BOOMP!
NOWHERE NEAR THE GOAL, THOUGH.
LET ME TRY!
THAT'S GOING NOWHERE.
SPIN
I'LL DO IT!
WELL AT LEAST THE TURF CURLED.
THIS IS HOPELESS!
CAN'T ANYONE CURL A BALL?
I CAN!
YOU, SOFTY WALTER?
BNO 14.6.86
SEE, IT'S EASY! LOTS OF LOVELY CURLS.
DOOH!

BALL BOY

HE BEATS ONE MAN . . . JINKS PAST ANOTHER . . .
JINK
DRIBBLE

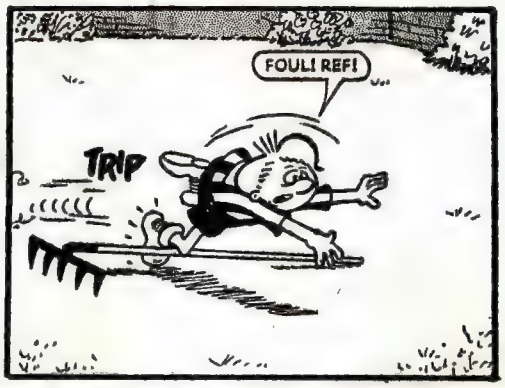

. . . AND SHOOTS! OOPS!
BOOT!

MUST PROTECT MY GREENHOUSE.
DIVE

GREAT SAVE, DAD — WANT A GAME?

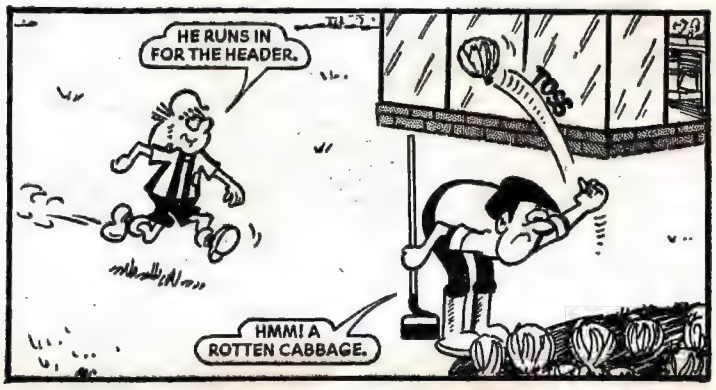
NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
AW, BOO!

WELL I'LL JUST PRETEND I'VE GOT A BALL.

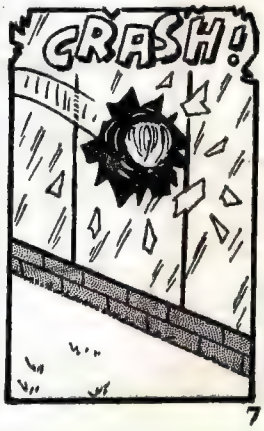

FOUL! REF!
TRIP

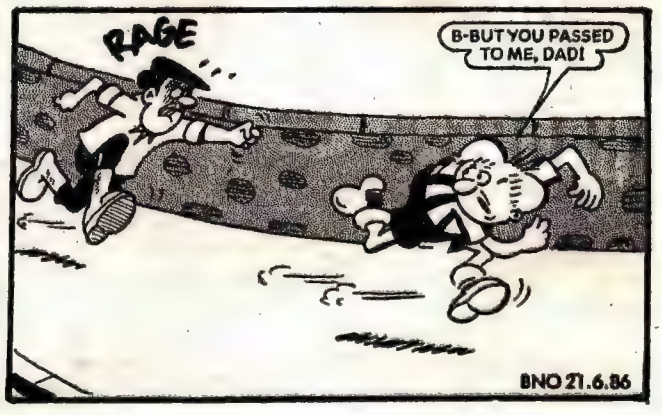
HE TAKES THE FREE KICK.

IT'S A HIGH ONE.


HE RUNS IN FOR THE HEADER.
TOSS
HMM! A ROTTEN CABBAGE.

EH? WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
LEAP

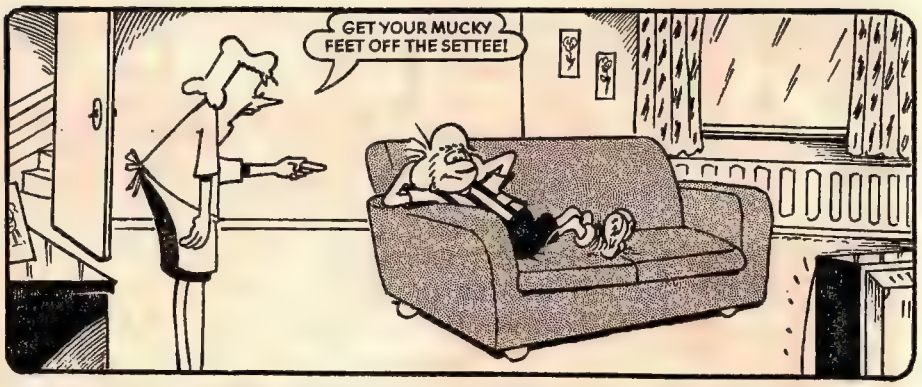

CRASH!


RAGE
B-BUT YOU PASSED TO ME, DAD!
BNO 21.6.86

BALL BOY
FREE TRAINING BY MUDCHESTER UNITED'S COACH
MUDCHESTER UNITED F.C.
LET'S TRY THIS!
YOU TWO PAIR UP.
WHY? ARE WE GOING TO PRACTISE TACKLING?
NO—LIFTING!
EH?
GROO!
WAVE
WAVE
NOW WAVE HIM.
GROO!
NOW STAND ON THIS.
GOOD! YOU'RE SWAYING PERFECTLY.
SWAY
SWAY
SWAY
SWAY
PYIONG
PYIONG!
PING
PING
WOOPS!
THAT HURT.
GRR!
NEVER MIND, BENJY —YOU'LL ENJOY THE NEXT EXERCISE!
GOOD!
TOSS
HOW WERE ALL THOSE DAFT THINGS MEANT TO IMPROVE OUR FOOTBALL?
THEY WEREN'T!
ROVERS!
ROVERS!
TIRED SHOUT!
ROVERS!
GASP!
UNITED!
UNITED!
UNITED!
WAVE!
WAVE!
SWAY
TOSS
MY WAVING ARMS ARE MUCH STRONGER NOW.
I JUST WANTED TO HAVE THE BEST TRAINED SUPPORTERS IN THE LEAGUE.
BNO 28.6.86

BALL BOY
THE PITCH IS A BIT WET TODAY.
SPLUT!
GLUG!
SLIDE
WHERE'S THE BALL?
I KNOW!
IT'S GOING TO BE A GOAL.
BOOF!
SAVED!
SHOW OFF DIVE
CATCH
SPLUP
OOPS!
BNO 5.7.86
WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON THE GAME THEN DO SOME MORE SLIDE TACKLING.
GROOBLE
PULL
SLIDE
SLIP
IT'S BEEN RAINING MORE THAN I NOTICED...
...AND WE'RE STRANDED!
HELP!
GREAT SIGN, EH?

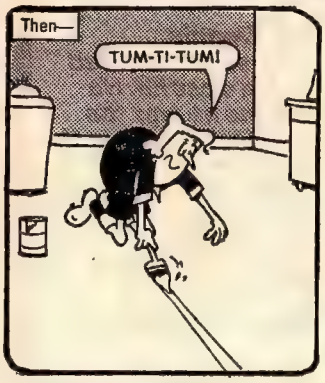
BALL BOY

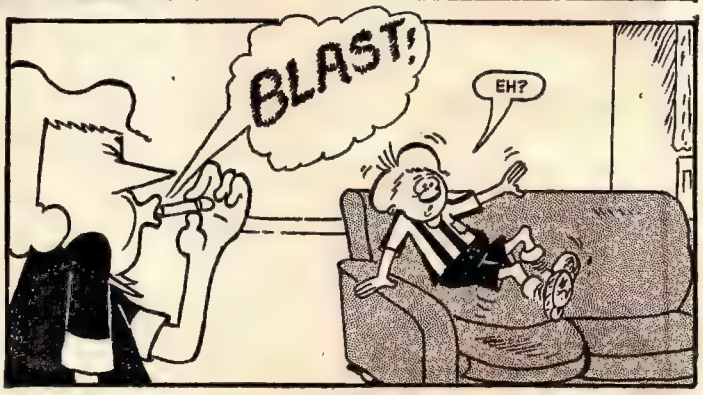

GET YOUR MUCKY FEET OFF THE SETTEE!

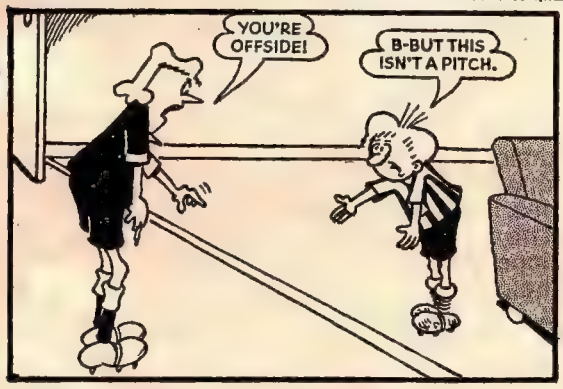
HE NEVER LISTENS TO A WORD I SAY.

I KNOW WHO HE WOULD LISTEN TO, THOUGH . . .

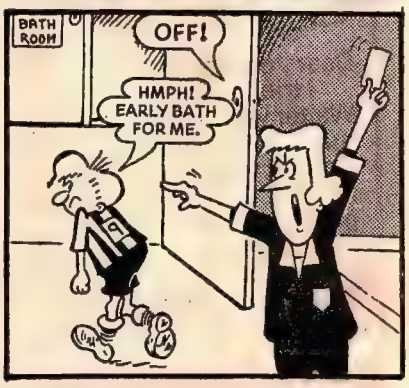
So—
. . . A REF!

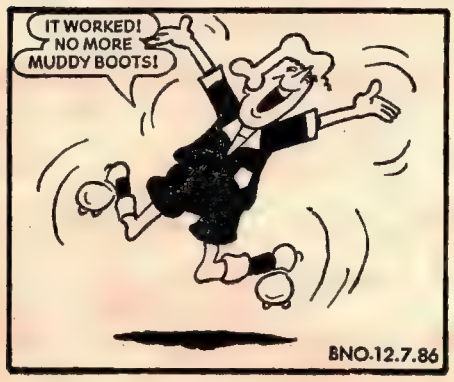

Then—
TUM-TI-TUM!


BLAST!
EH?


YOU'RE OFFSIDE!
B-BUT THIS ISN'T A PITCH.

ARE YOU ARGUING WITH ME?
YES!


BATH ROOM
OFF!
HMPH! EARLY BATH FOR ME.


IT WORKED! NO MORE MUDDY BOOTS!
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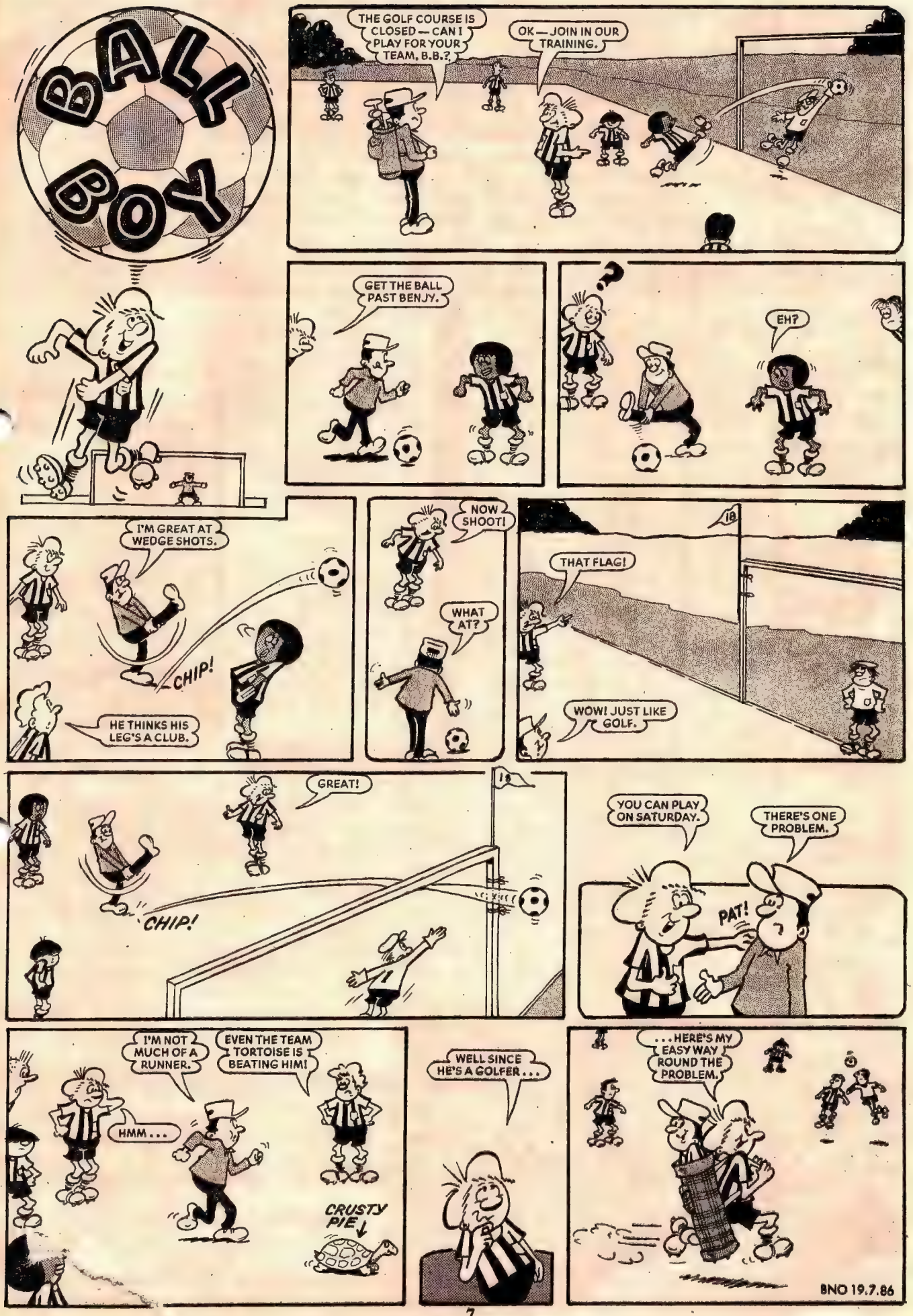
WAIT A MINUTE.

THIS LINE I PAINTED IS FAR WORSE THAN MUD.


BALL BOY
THE GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED — CAN I PLAY FOR YOUR TEAM, B.B.?
OK — JOIN IN OUR TRAINING.
GET THE BALL PAST BENJY.
EH?
I'M GREAT AT WEDGE SHOTS.
CHIP!
HE THINKS HIS LEG'S A CLUB.
NOW SHOOT!
WHAT AT?
THAT FLAG!
WOW! JUST LIKE GOLF.
GREAT!
CHIP!
YOU CAN PLAY ON SATURDAY.
THERE'S ONE PROBLEM.
PAT!
I'M NOT MUCH OF A RUNNER.
EVEN THE TEAM TORTOISE IS BEATING HIM!
HMM...
CRUSTY PIE
WELL SINCE HE'S A GOLFER...
...HERE'S MY EASY WAY ROUND THE PROBLEM.
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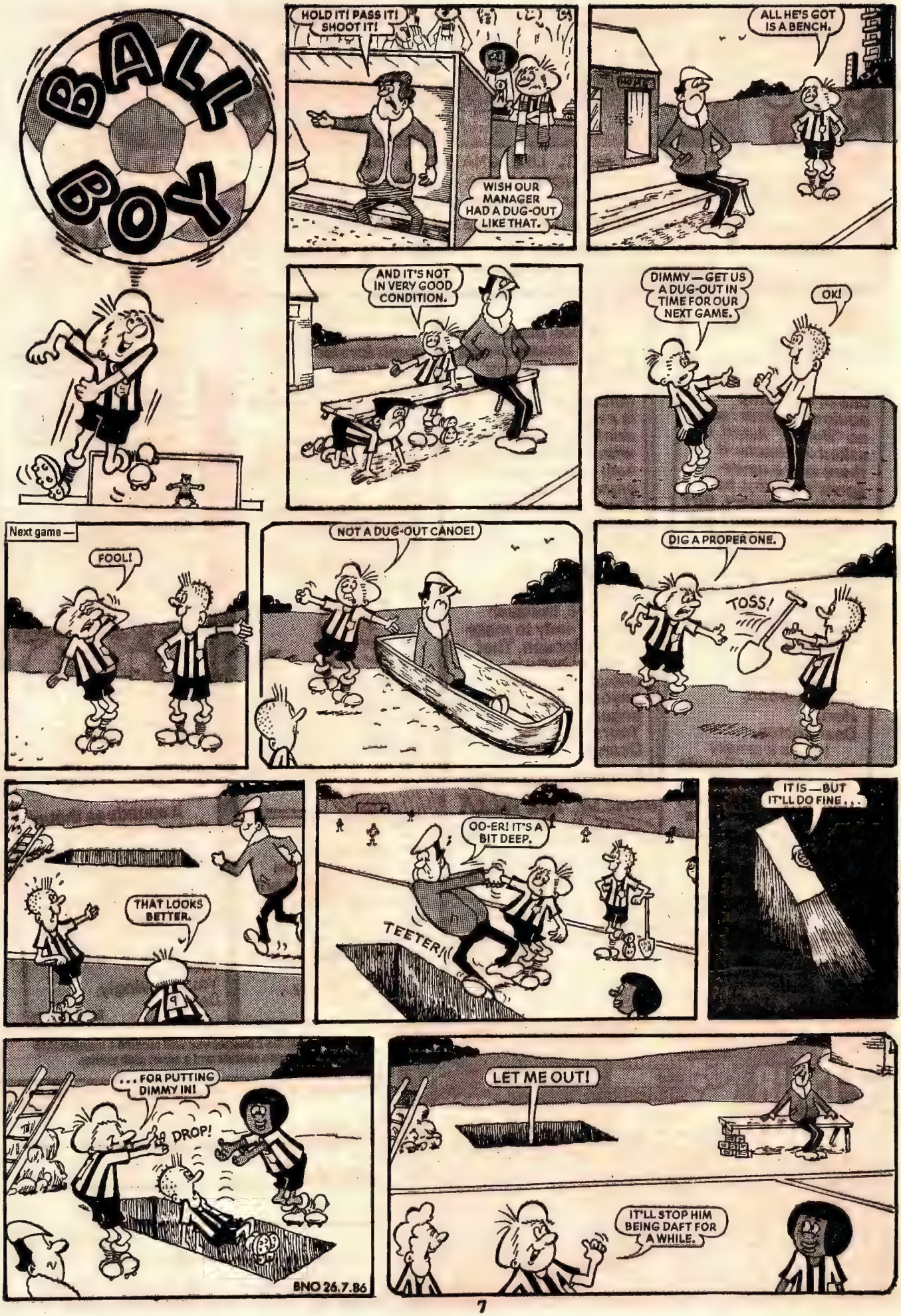
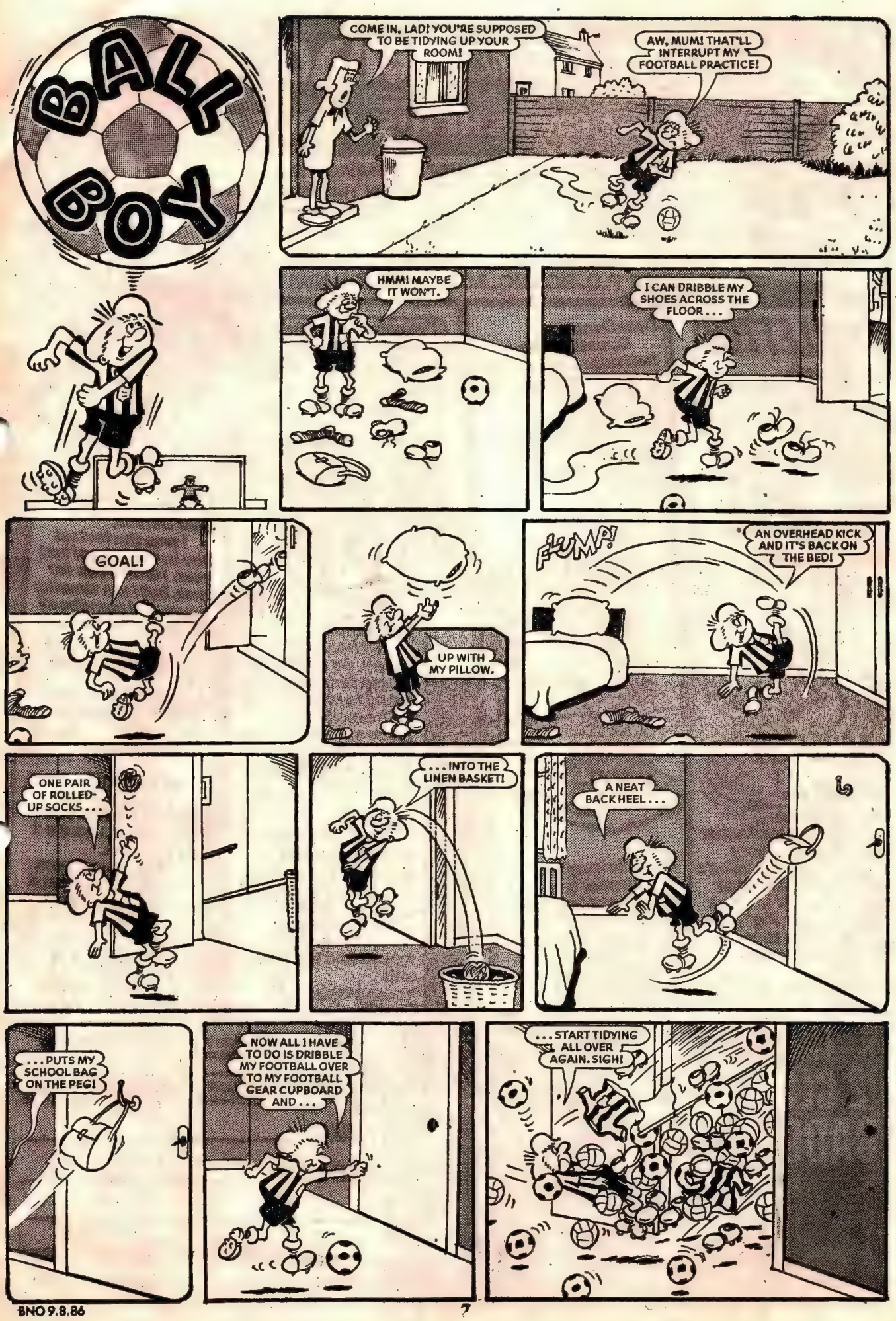

BALL BOY
HOLD IT! PASS IT! SHOOT IT!
WISH OUR MANAGER HAD A DUG-OUT LIKE THAT.
ALL HE'S GOT IS A BENCH.
AND IT'S NOT IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.
DIMMY — GET US A DUG-OUT IN TIME FOR OUR NEXT GAME.
OK!
Next game —
FOOL!
NOT A DUG-OUT CANOE!
DIG A PROPER ONE.
TOSS!
THAT LOOKS BETTER.
OO-ER! IT'S A BIT DEEP.
TEETER
IT IS — BUT IT'LL DO FINE . . .
. . . FOR PUTTING DIMMY IN!
DROP!
BNO 26.7.86
LET ME OUT!
IT'LL STOP HIM BEING DAFT FOR A WHILE.

BALL BOY
TO YOU, BENJY!
AMBLE!
AMBLE!
PASS!
MY TEAM AREN'T EVEN TRYING.
TUM-TI-TUM.
AMBLE!
AMBLE!
So—
THIS WAY GIRLS.
AMBLE!
THESE CHEERLEADERS SHOULD GET MY TEAM GOING.
GIVE US A "B" —
SCREAM!
SCREAM!
THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY MEANT! COME BACK, GIRLS.
THEY ASKED FOR A BEE, BALLBOY.
Soon—
SWING!
SWING!
SWING!
RAH!
RAH!
RAH!
RAH!
RAH! RAH! BALLBOY'S TEAM!
PHOOT!
SWING!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO WITH THOSE CHEERLEADERS NOW . . .
THIS IS TOO EASY.
BALL'S A BIT SOFT!
DRIBBLE!
BNO 2.8.86
GIVE US A "J" — GIVE US OUR JOBS BACK!
ARHUMPH!
. . . AND THAT'S PLAY THEM.


BALL BOY
COME IN, LAD! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TIDYING UP YOUR ROOM!
AW, MUM! THAT'LL INTERRUPT MY FOOTBALL PRACTICE!
HMM! MAYBE IT WON'T.
I CAN DRIBBLE MY SHOES ACROSS THE FLOOR...
GOAL!
UP WITH MY PILLOW.
FLUMP!
AN OVERHEAD KICK AND IT'S BACK ON THE BED!
ONE PAIR OF ROLLED-UP SOCKS...
...INTO THE LINEN BASKET!
A NEAT BACK HEEL...
...PUTS MY SCHOOL BAG ON THE PEG!
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DRIBBLE MY FOOTBALL OVER TO MY FOOTBALL GEAR CUPBOARD AND...
...START TIDYING ALL OVER AGAIN. SIGH!

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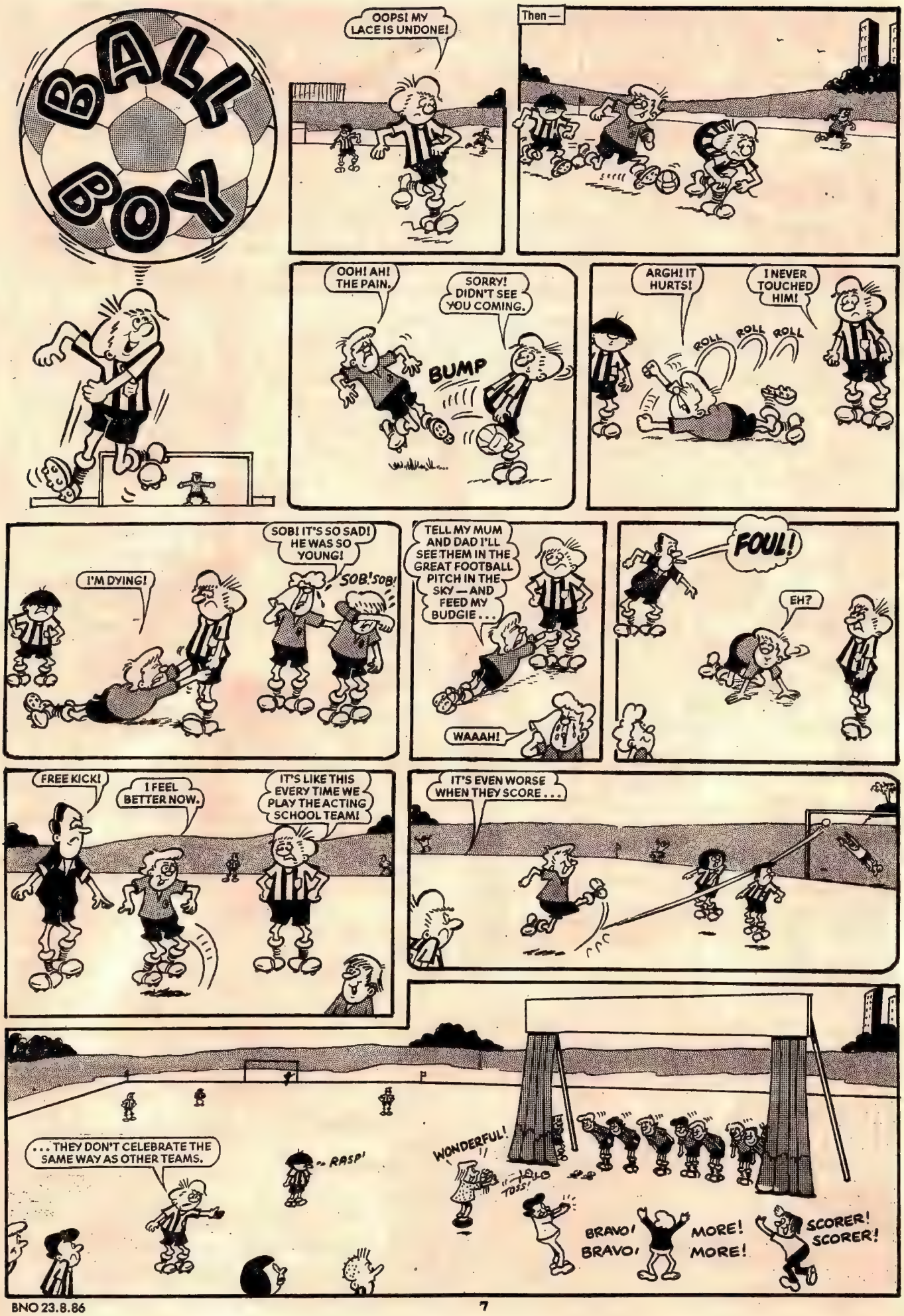
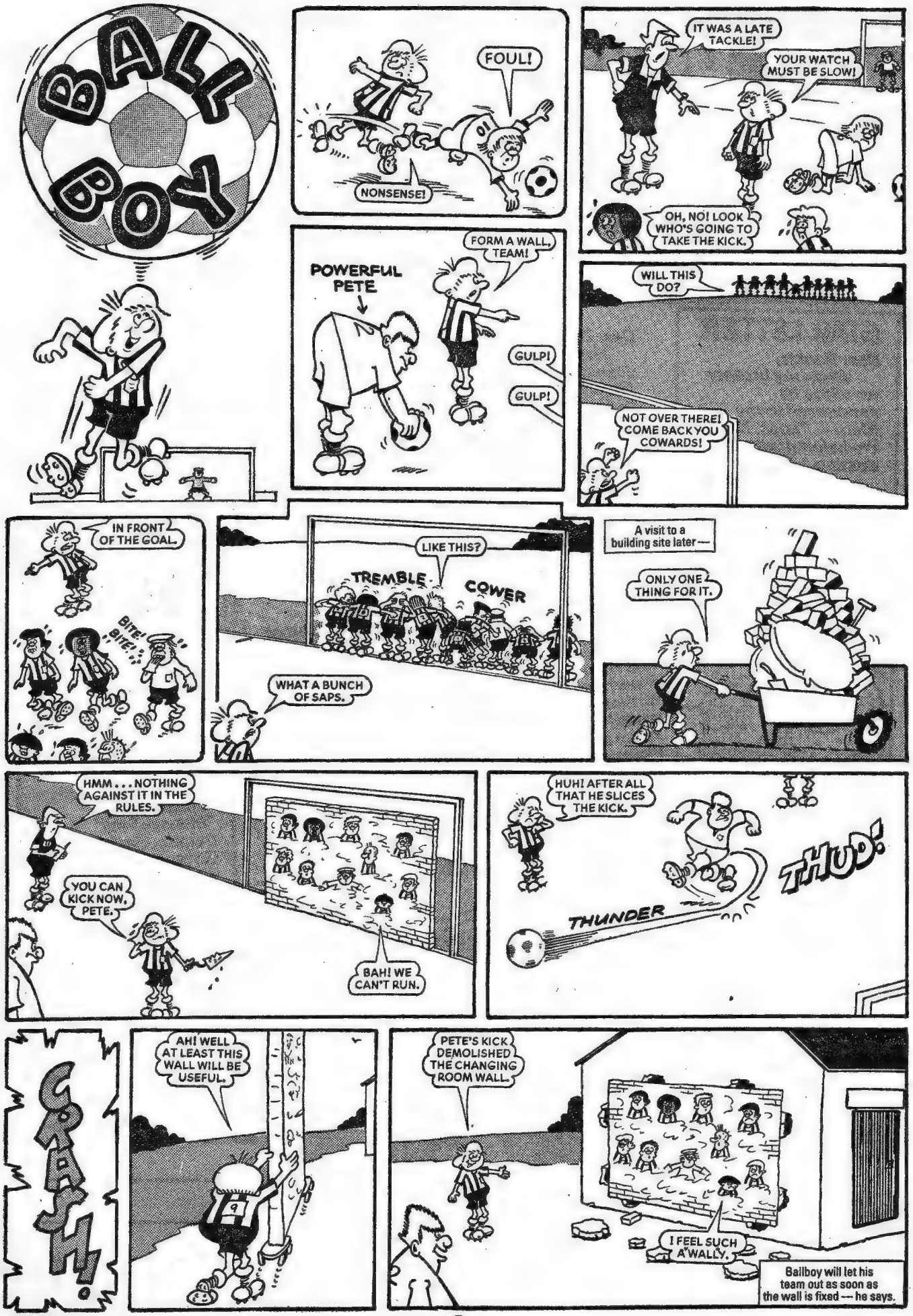

BALL BOY
OOPS! MY LACE IS UNDONE!
Then —
OOH! AH! THE PAIN.
SORRY! DIDN'T SEE YOU COMING.
BUMP
ARGH! IT HURTS!
I NEVER TOUCHED HIM!
ROLL ROLL ROLL
I'M DYING!
SOB! IT'S SO SAD! HE WAS SO YOUNG!
SOB! SOB!
TELL MY MUM AND DAD I'LL SEE THEM IN THE GREAT FOOTBALL PITCH IN THE SKY — AND FEED MY BUDGIE . . .
WAAAH!
FOUL!
EH?
FREE KICK!
I FEEL BETTER NOW.
IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY TIME WE PLAY THE ACTING SCHOOL TEAM!
IT'S EVEN WORSE WHEN THEY SCORE . . .
. . . THEY DON'T CELEBRATE THE SAME WAY AS OTHER TEAMS.
RASP!
WONDERFUL!
TOSS!
BRAVO! BRAVO!
MORE! MORE!
SCORER! SCORER!


BALL BOY
FOUL!
NONSENSE!
IT WAS A LATE TACKLE!
YOUR WATCH MUST BE SLOW!
OH, NO! LOOK WHO'S GOING TO TAKE THE KICK.
POWERFUL PETE
FORM A WALL, TEAM!
GULP!
GULP!
WILL THIS DO?
NOT OVER THERE! COME BACK YOU COWARDS!
IN FRONT OF THE GOAL.
BITE! BITE!
LIKE THIS?
TREMBLE
COWER
WHAT A BUNCH OF SAPS.
A visit to a building site later—
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT.
HMM . . . NOTHING AGAINST IT IN THE RULES.
YOU CAN KICK NOW, PETE.
BAH! WE CAN'T RUN.
HUH! AFTER ALL THAT HE SLICES THE KICK.
THUNDER
THUD!
CRASH!
AH! WELL AT LEAST THIS WALL WILL BE USEFUL.
PETE'S KICK DEMOLISHED THE CHANGING ROOM WALL.
I FEEL SUCH A WALLY.
Ballboy will let his team out as soon as the wall is fixed — he says.

BNO 30.8.86

BALL BOY

OOPS! MISSED.

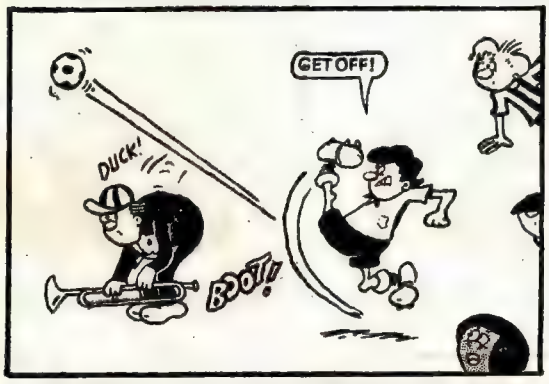
BETTER COVER MY EARS.

WAIL! SCREAM!
OUR FAN HATES IT WHEN I MISS.

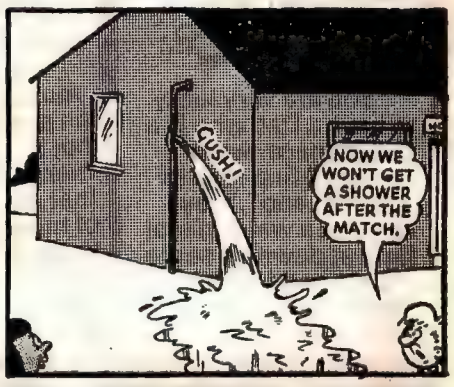
WAIL! HOWL!
WHILE EVERYONE WATCHES HIM . . .

A GOAL!
. . . I'LL SCORE A SNEAKY GOAL.
POKE!

IT'LL TAKE A WHILE TILL HE'S FINISHED CELEBRATING.


GET OFF!
DUCK!
BOOT!

BONK!
EEK! THE SHOWER PIPE.


GUSH!
NOW WE WON'T GET A SHOWER AFTER THE MATCH.

AN OWN GOAL!
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT — WE'LL HAVE TO LOSE.
BOOT!

After the match —
WE LOST 10-1!

WAH!
WITH A SCORE LIKE THAT I KNEW HE'D CRY US A SHOWER.

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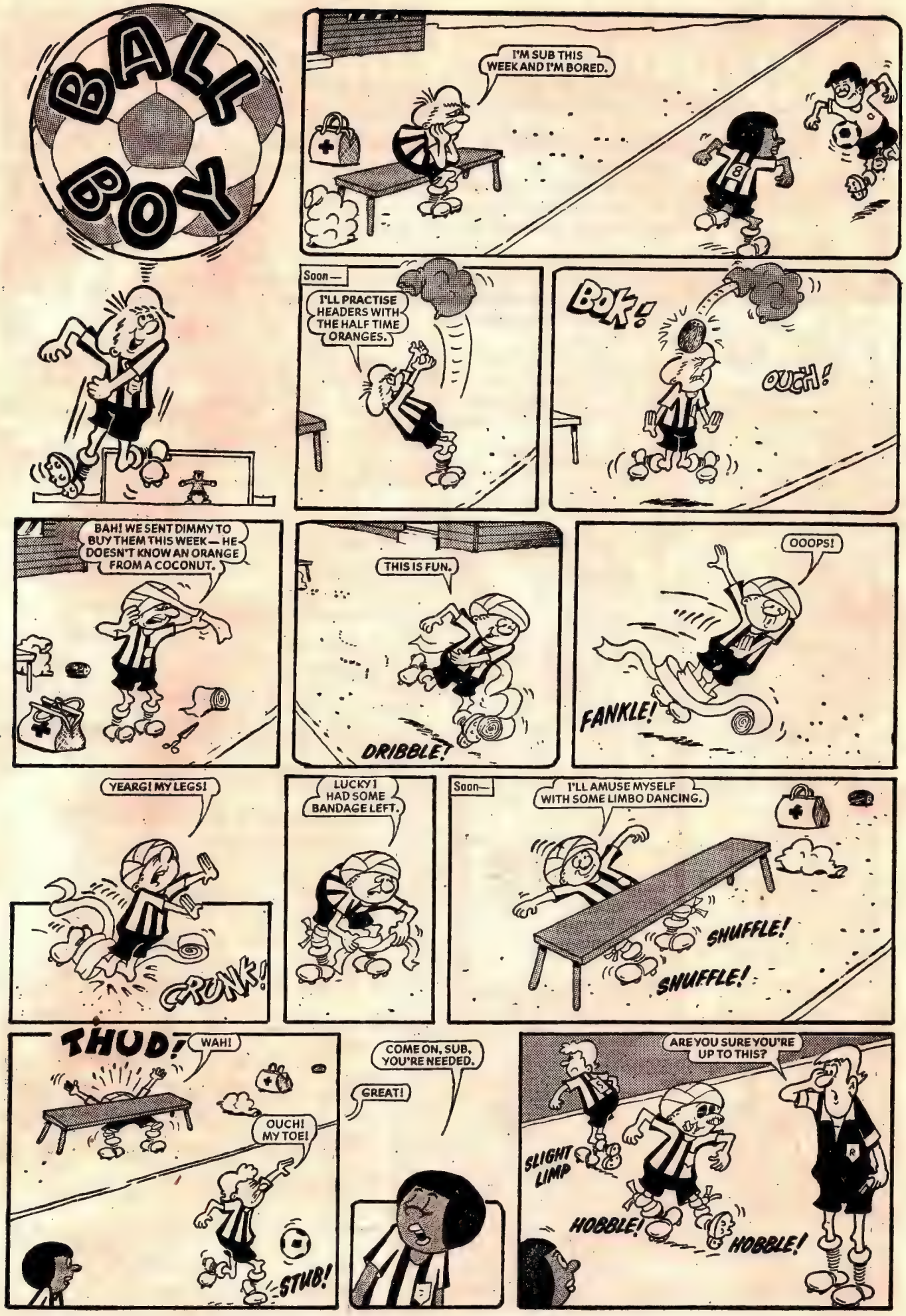
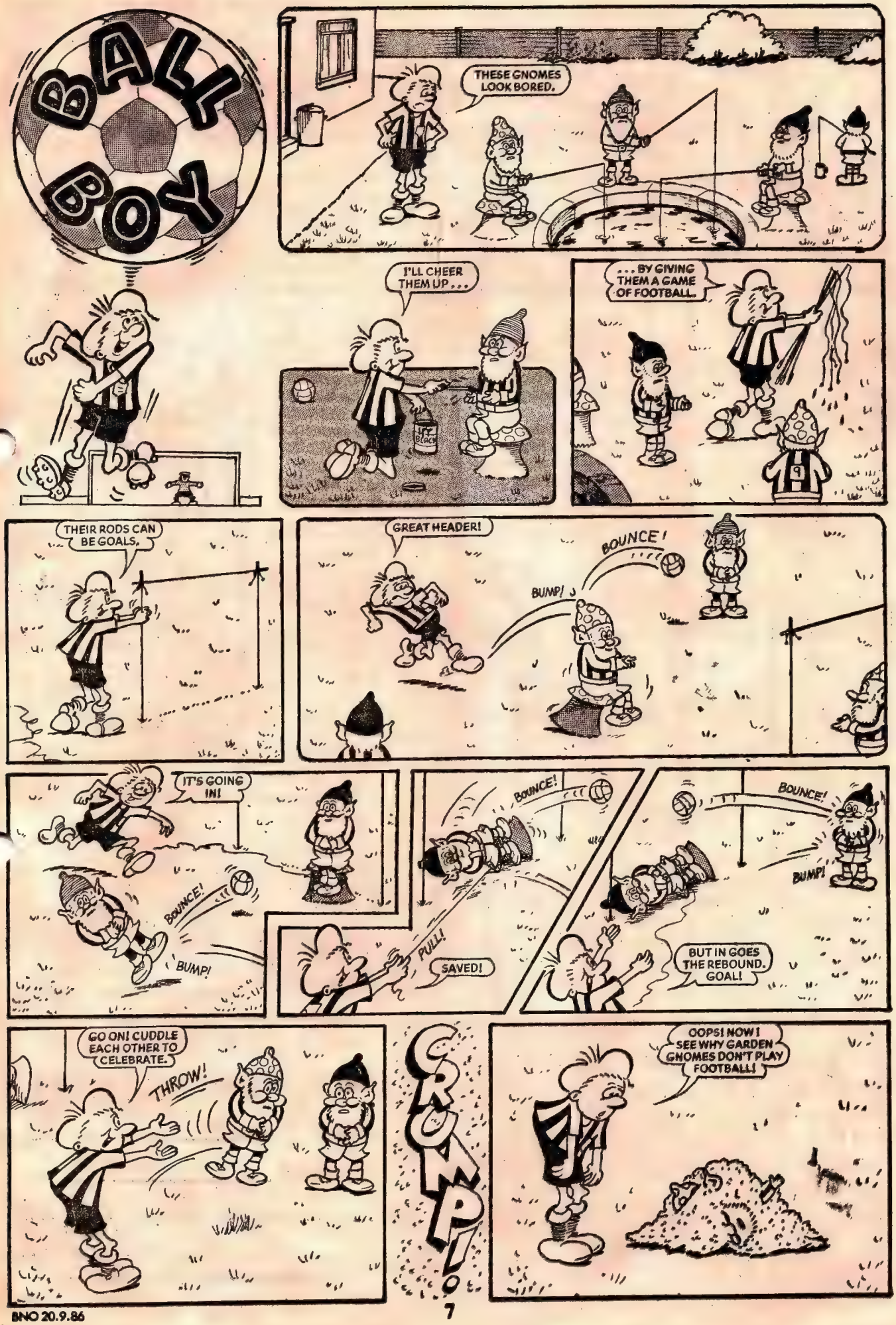
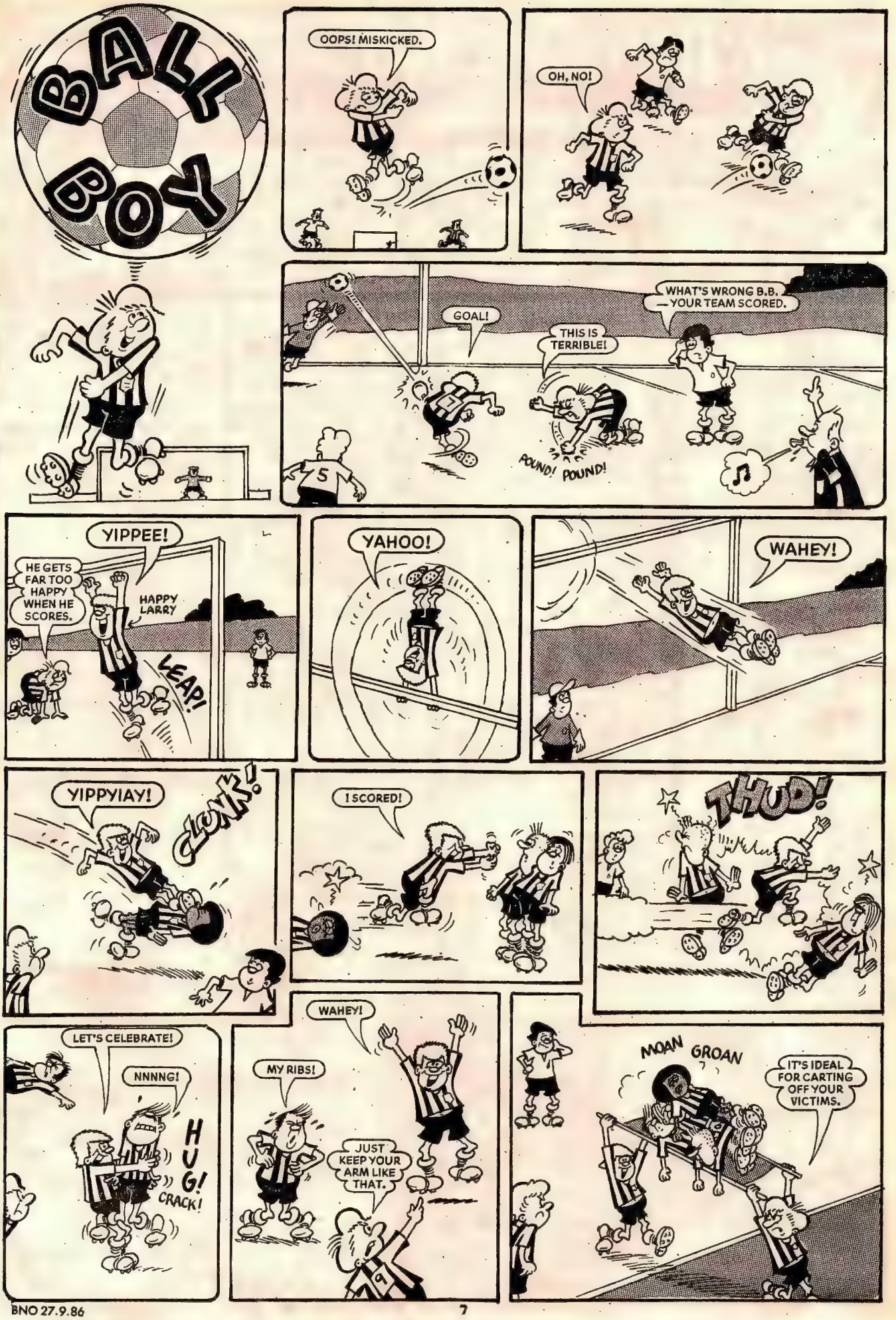
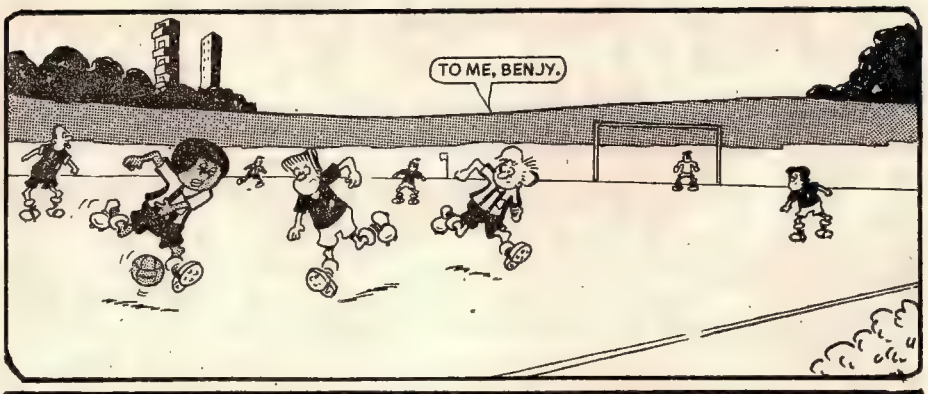

BALL BOY
I'M SUB THIS WEEK AND I'M BORED.
Soon—
I'LL PRACTISE HEADERS WITH THE HALF TIME ORANGES.
BOK!
OUCH!
BAH! WE SENT DIMMY TO BUY THEM THIS WEEK — HE DOESN'T KNOW AN ORANGE FROM A COCONUT.
THIS IS FUN.
DRIBBLE!
OOOPS!
FANKLE!
YEARG! MY LEGS!
CRUNK!
LUCKY! HAD SOME BANDAGE LEFT.
Soon—
I'LL AMUSE MYSELF WITH SOME LIMBO DANCING.
SHUFFLE!
SHUFFLE!
THUD!
WAH!
OUCH! MY TOE!
STUB!
COME ON, SUB, YOU'RE NEEDED.
GREAT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO THIS?
SLIGHT LIMP
HOBBLE!
HOBBLE!


BALL BOY
THESE GNOMES LOOK BORED.
I'LL CHEER THEM UP...
...BY GIVING THEM A GAME OF FOOTBALL.
THEIR RODS CAN BE GOALS.
GREAT HEADER!
BOUNCE!
BUMP!
IT'S GOING IN!
BOUNCE!
BUMP!
BOUNCE!
PULL!
SAVED!
BOUNCE!
BUMP!
BUT IN GOES THE REBOUND. GOAL!
GO ON! CUDDLE EACH OTHER TO CELEBRATE.
THROW!
CRUMP!
OOPS! NOW I SEE WHY GARDEN GNOMES DON'T PLAY FOOTBALL!


BALL BOY
OOPS! MISKICKED.
OH, NO!
GOAL!
THIS IS TERRIBLE!
WHAT'S WRONG B.B. —YOUR TEAM SCORED.
POUND! POUND!
YIPPEE!
HE GETS FAR TOO HAPPY WHEN HE SCORES.
HAPPY LARRY
LEAP!
YAHOO!
WAHEY!
YIPPYIAY!
CLUNK!
I SCORED!
THUD!
LET'S CELEBRATE!
NNNNG!
HUG!
CRACK!
WAHEY!
MY RIBS!
JUST KEEP YOUR ARM LIKE THAT.
MOAN
GROAN
IT'S IDEAL FOR CARTING OFF YOUR VICTIMS.

BALL BOY
NOT A GREAT KICK.
Under the pitch —
BAH! THIS ORANGE WE USE AS A BALL IS USELESS.
BOOT
SQUELCH!
Then —
WAHEY! A REAL BALL!
IDEAL!
WHERE'S THE BALL?
I THINK I KNOW.
IT'S DOWN . . .
. . . HERE. OUCH!
THUD!
BOOT!
Next —
BOUNCE
GREAT SHOT!
THUMP!
SAVED!
PUNCH
GOAL!
HMPH!
AT LEAST THOSE RABBITS CAN'T ENJOY A NICE HOT SHOWER LIKE US.
THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! HEH-HEH!
Full time —
PESKY RABBITS MADE US LOSE THE GAME.
BEATEN ONE-NIL!

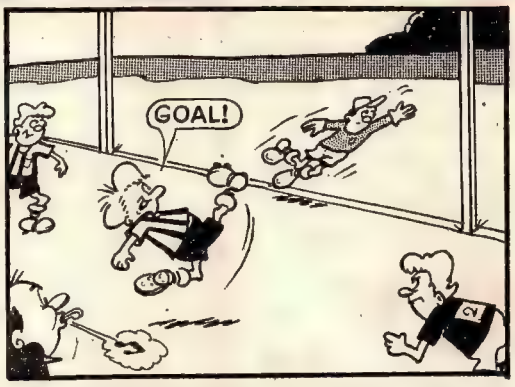
BALL BOY


TO ME, BENJY.

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T CLOSE YOUR EYES WHEN YOU KICK!
SLICE!

Much searching later—
IT'S LOST!
I'VE AN IDEA.

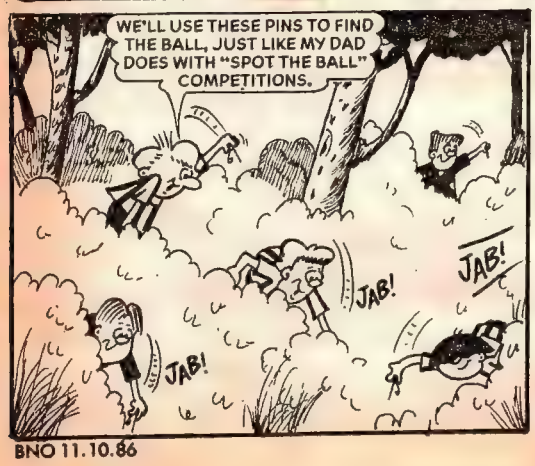
WE'LL PLAY WITH A PRETEND BALL.


GOAL!

IT WAS OVER THE BAR.
PUNCH!
YOU MUST BE BLIND — IT WAS IN.

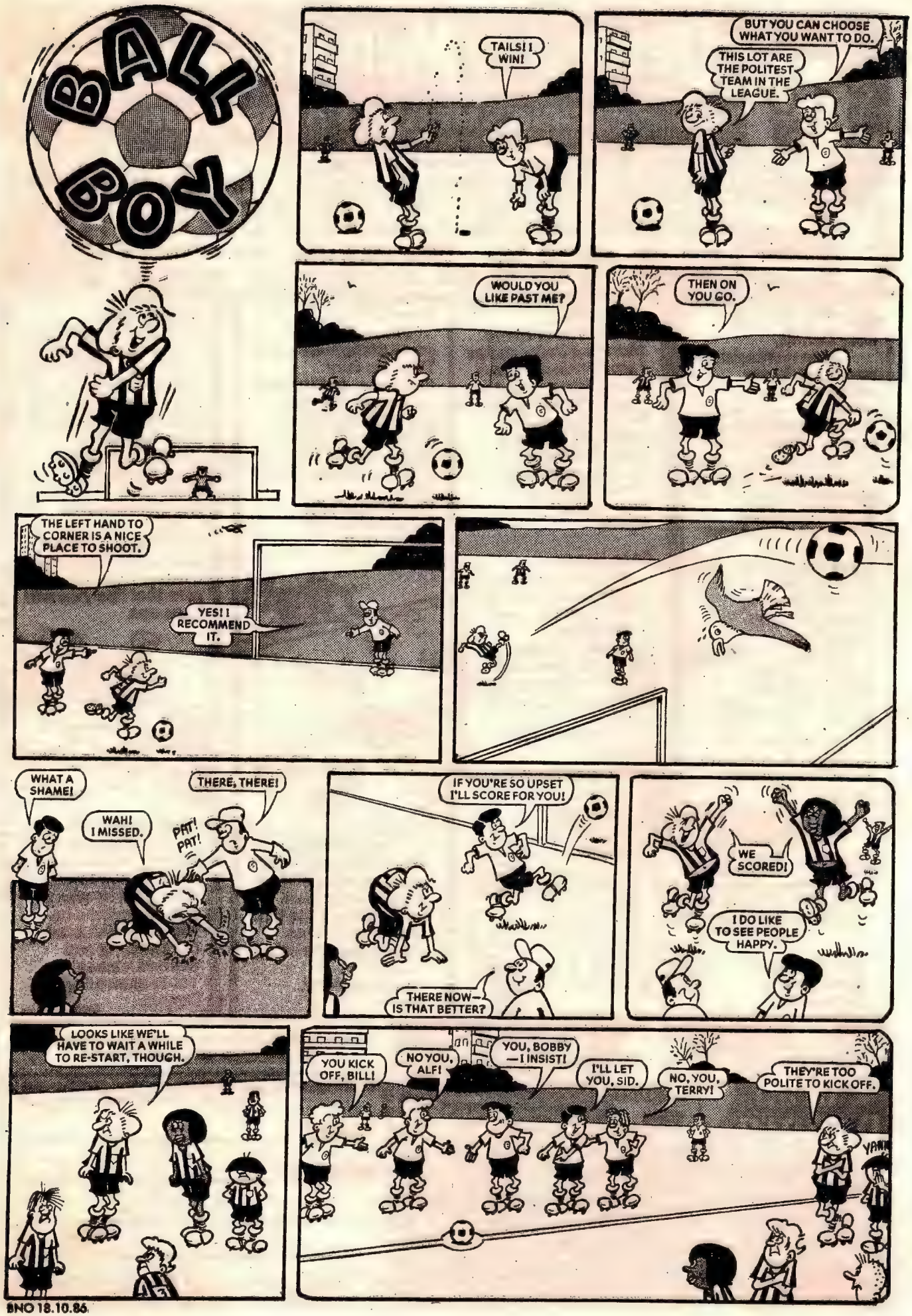
PHOTOGRAPHER FROM 'THE EVENING MEANIE'
AHA!

I'LL TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS FOR OUR SPOT THE BALL PAGE — NO-ONE WILL WIN.
CLICK
HEAD!
SPOT THE BALL, EH?
HALT!


WE'LL USE THESE PINS TO FIND THE BALL, JUST LIKE MY DAD DOES WITH "SPOT THE BALL" COMPETITIONS.
JAB!
JAB!
JAB!

FOUND IT!

GULP! NOT THE CLEVEREST IDEA I'VE EVER HAD.


BALL BOY
TAILS! I WIN!
BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.
THIS LOT ARE THE POLITEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE.
WOULD YOU LIKE PAST ME?
THEN ON YOU GO.
THE LEFT HAND TO CORNER IS A NICE PLACE TO SHOOT.
YES! I RECOMMEND IT.
WHAT A SHAME!
WAH! I MISSED.
PAT! PAT!
THERE, THERE!
IF YOU'RE SO UPSET I'LL SCORE FOR YOU!
THERE NOW— IS THAT BETTER?
WE SCORED!
I DO LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE HAPPY.
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE TO RE-START, THOUGH.
YOU KICK OFF, BILL!
NO YOU, ALF!
YOU, BOBBY —I INSIST!
I'LL LET YOU, SID.
NO, YOU, TERRY!
THEY'RE TOO POLITE TO KICK OFF.

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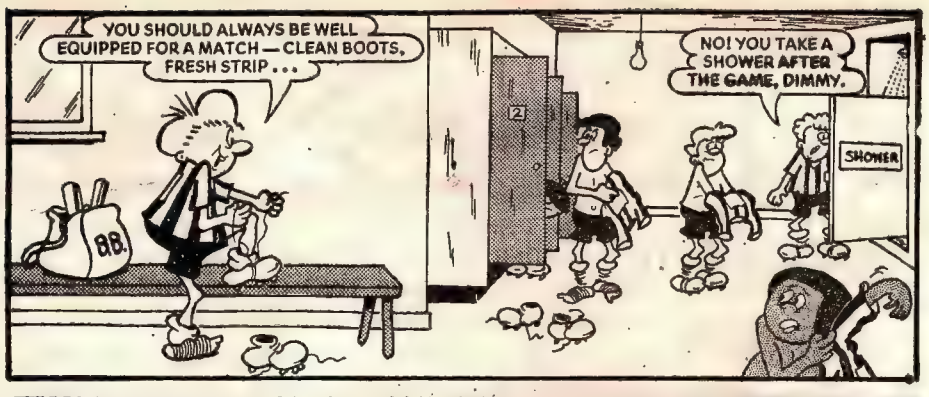
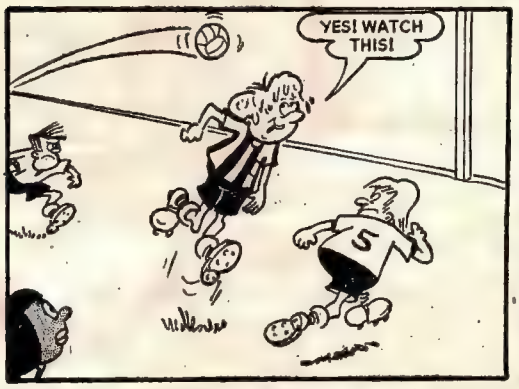
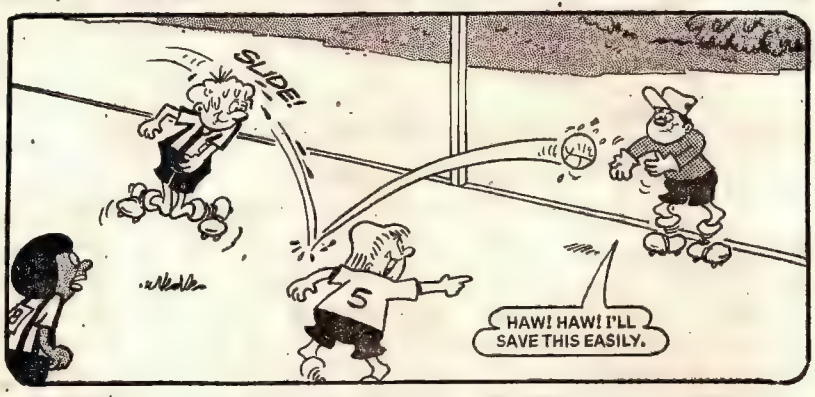
BALL BOY


YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE WELL EQUIPPED FOR A MATCH — CLEAN BOOTS, FRESH STRIP . . .
B.B.
NO! YOU TAKE A SHOWER AFTER THE GAME, DIMMY.
SHOWER

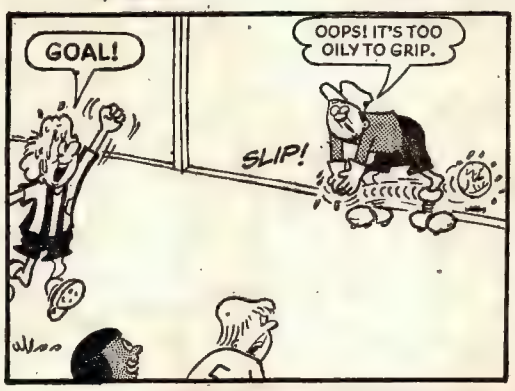
. . . SHIN PADS, TOFFEE IN CASE THE GAME IS BORING . . .

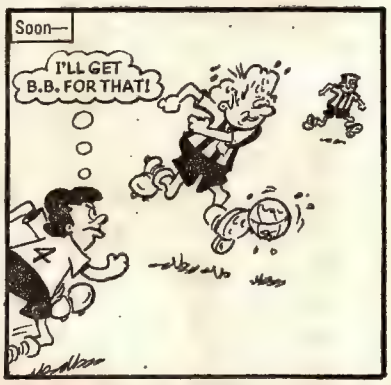
. . . AND PLENTY OF HAIR OIL.
SPLOSH!
SPLAP!
HAIR CREAM
HAIR OIL?


YES! WATCH THIS!

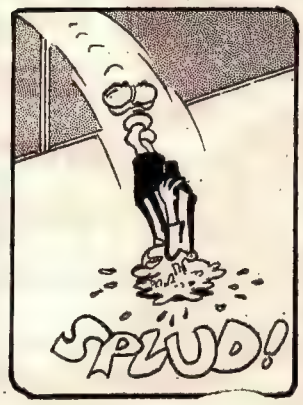

SLIDE!
HAW! HAW! I'LL SAVE THIS EASILY.

TOLD YOU.
GRAB


GOAL!
OOPS! IT'S TOO OILY TO GRIP.
SLIP!


Soon—
I'LL GET B.B. FOR THAT!

OUCH!
THUD!


SPLUD!

WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY WITH TEN MEN NOW — HIS HAIR OIL WILL MAKE HIM SLIDE ON FOR MILES..
SLIDE

BNO 25.10.86

BALL BOY

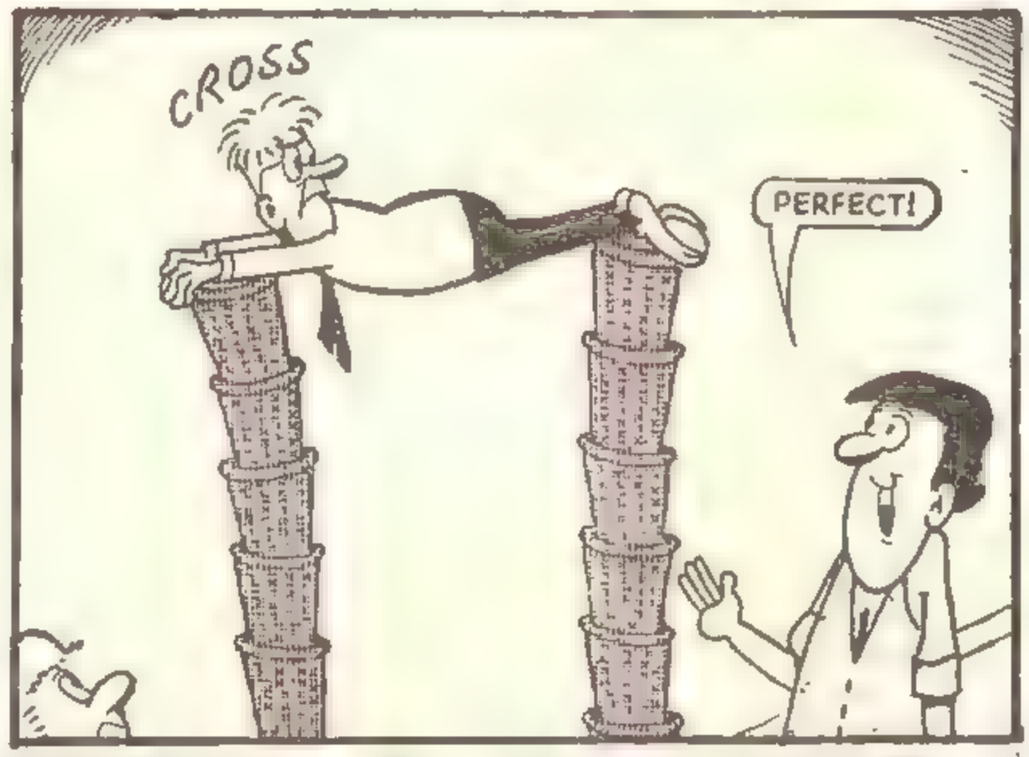
DENNIS
GNASHER'S TALE
I WONDER WHY THE EDITOR WANTED TO SEE US.
BEANO OFFICE
WE'RE HERE, BOSS!
LITTLE PLUM
BILLY
YAWN
EDITOR
INK
BEANO ARTIST

WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO.
WE'RE ALL BORED.
EDITOR

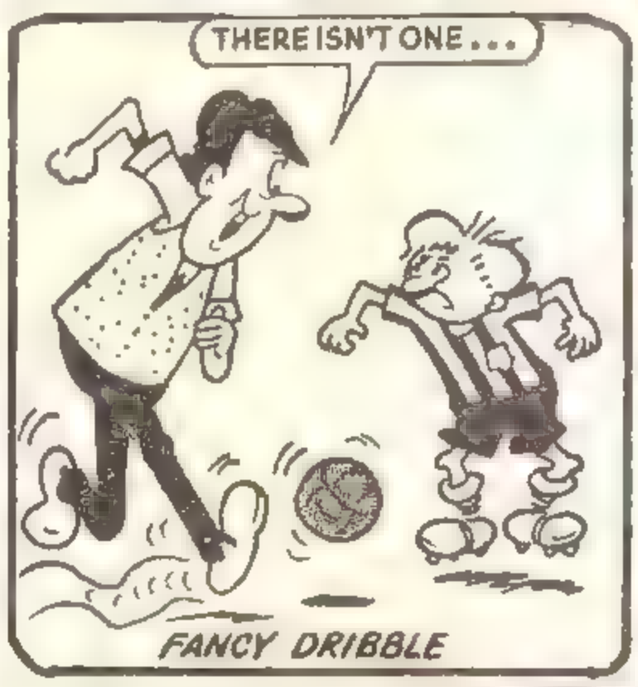
SO WE WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL AGAINST YOUR TEAM.
BEANO OFFICE BOY

THE GOALS.
BUT THERE'S NO CROSSBAR.

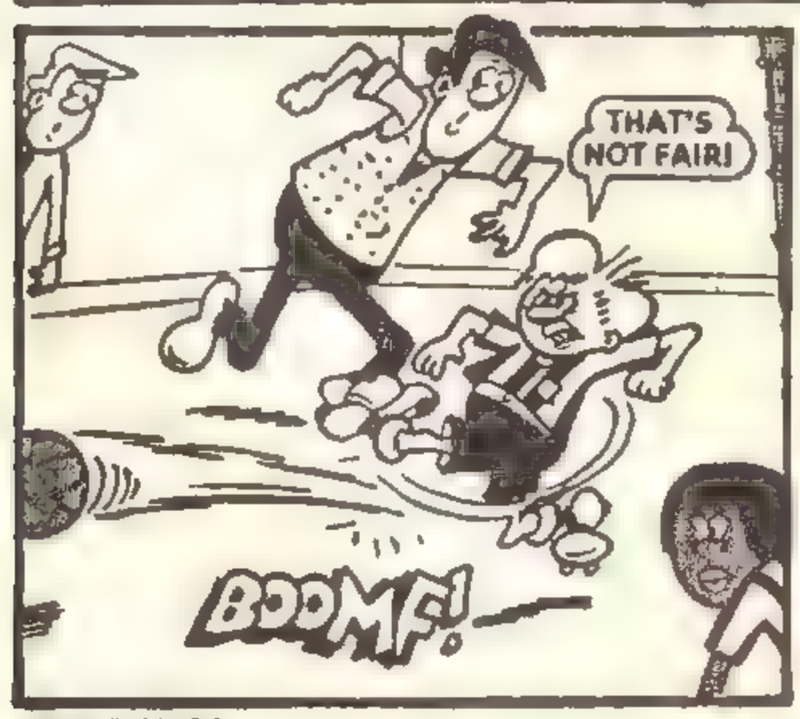
UP YOU GO!

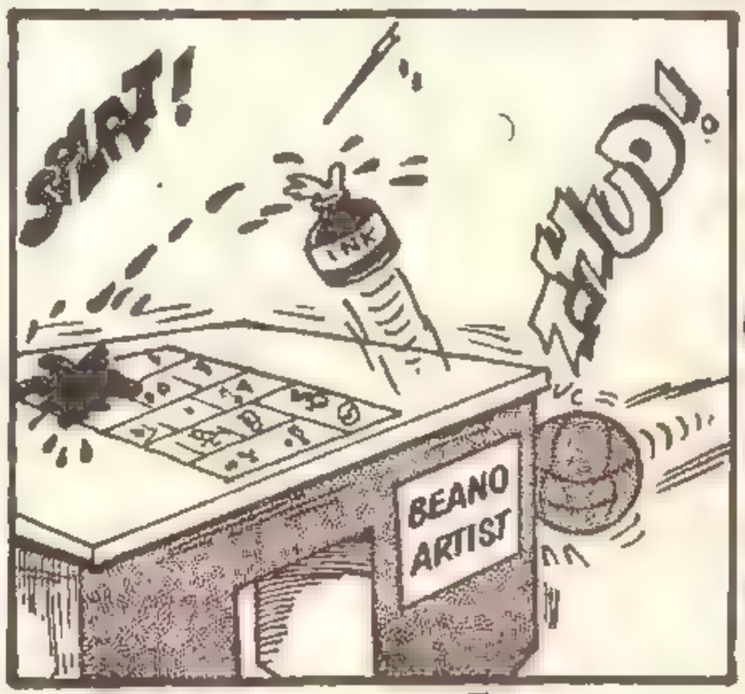

CROSS
PERFECT!

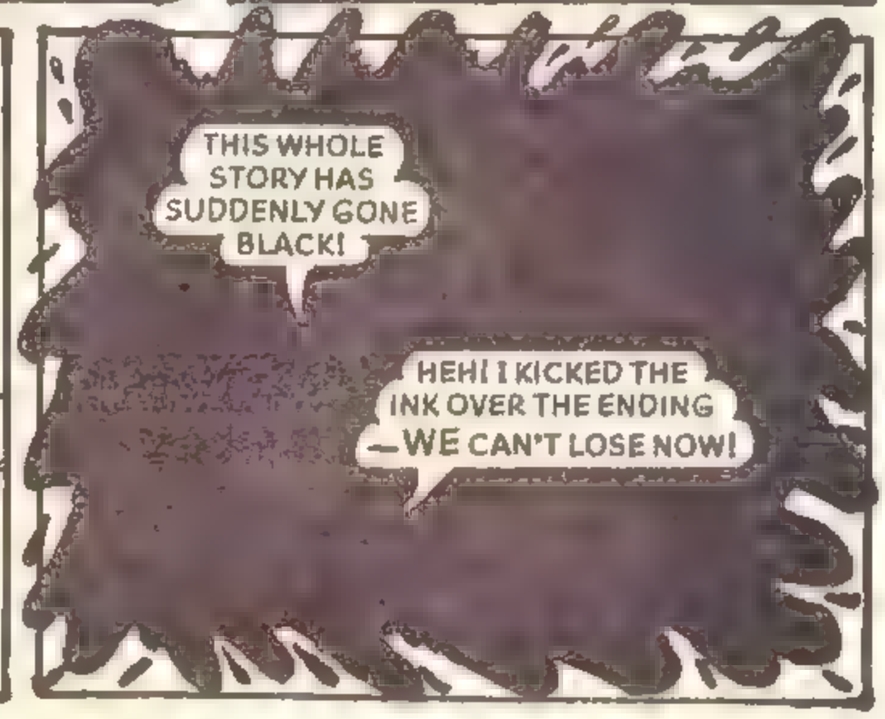
WHERE'S THE GOAL WE SHOOT AT?


THERE ISN'T ONE . . .
FANCY DRIBBLE

THIS WAY WE CAN'T LOSE.
CUTE BACKHEEL


THAT'S NOT FAIR!
BOOMF!

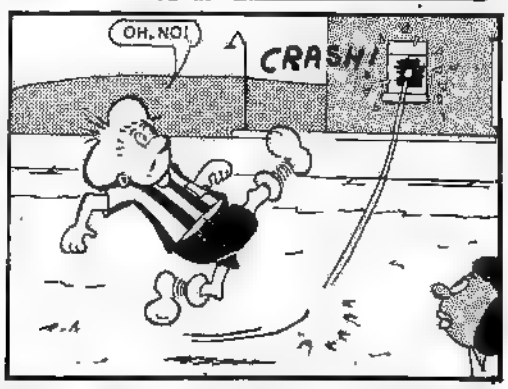

SPLAT!
SPLUT!
INK
BEANO ARTIST


THIS WHOLE STORY HAS SUDDENLY GONE BLACK!
HEH! I KICKED THE INK OVER THE ENDING —WE CAN'T LOSE NOW!

BALL BOY

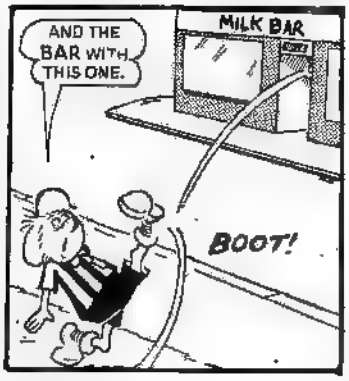
MY BALL!
NO, MINE!

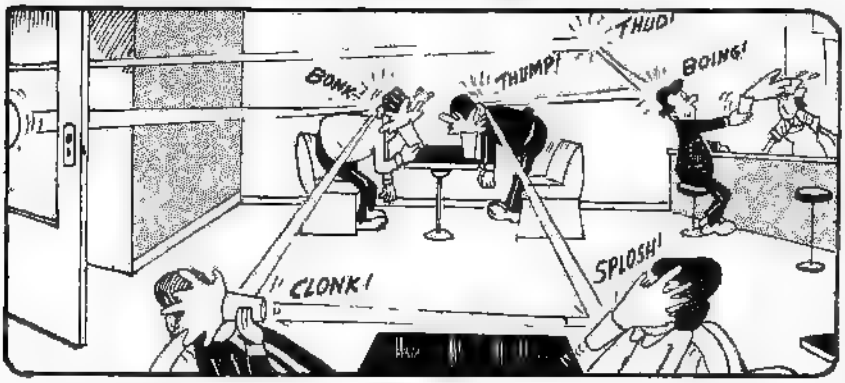
I'LL GET A FREE KICK FOR THAT.
OOPS!

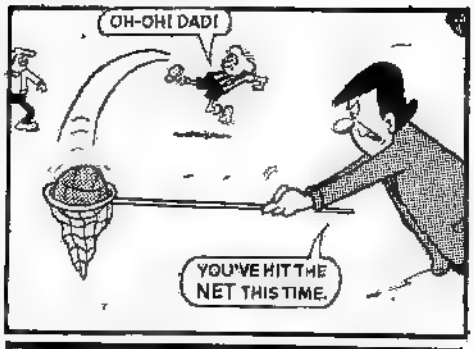

OH, NO!
CRASH!

I WAS ONLY TAKING A FREE KICK, MISTER.
THAT KICK WASN'T FREE — YOUR DAD WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE REPAIR.

OOPS! HIT THE POST WITH THAT SHOT!
THUD!

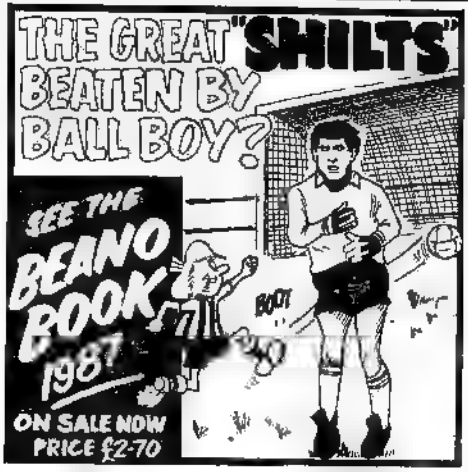

AND THE BAR WITH THIS ONE.
MILK BAR
BOOT!


THUD!
BONK!
THUMP!
BOING!
CLONK!
SPLOSH!


OH-OH! DAD!
YOU'VE HIT THE NET THIS TIME.

HOME!
GRIP!

HMPH! I'VE BEEN SENT OFF TO BED.


THE GREAT "SHILTS" BEATEN BY BALL BOY?
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BOOT

BALL BOY

On the way to the match —
A BALL! I CAN'T RESIST SAVING THEM!
DIVE!

OH-OH! IT WAS A RUGBY BALL.

GRUMP!

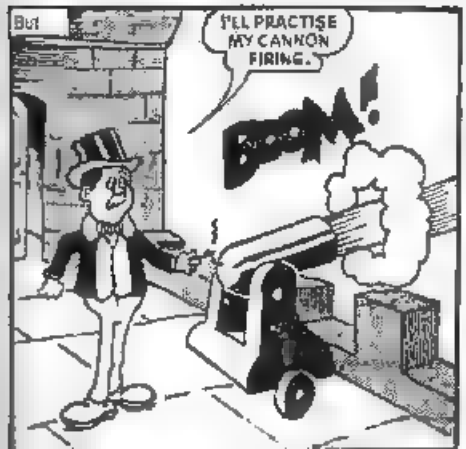
POOR GOAL-E!

HE NEEDS WATER TO WAKE HIM UP.
VERY VERY DAZED

THIS SHOULD DO IT.
DIVE!
M-MUST SAVE THE B-BALL.

SPLOSH!

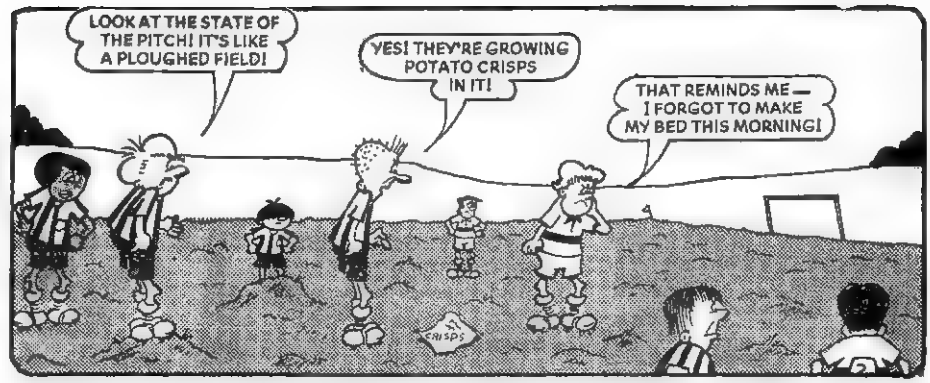
THAT'S BETTER.
I'M STILL TOO TIRED TO WALK TO THE GROUND.

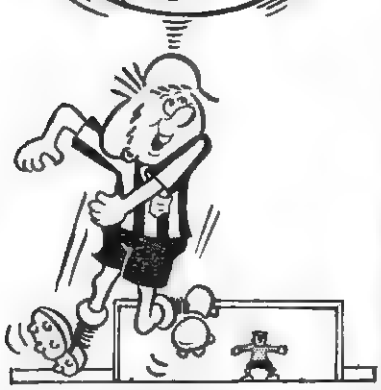

But —
I'LL PRACTISE MY CANNON FIRING.
BOOM!

And —
A BALL!
WHOOOSH!

GREAT WAY TO TRAVEL, THIS.
?
?
?
?
BONK!

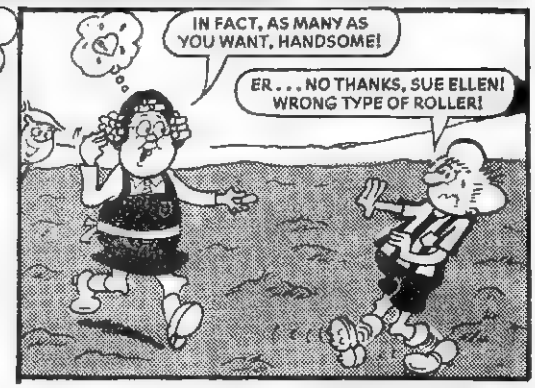
BALL BOY


LOOK AT THE STATE OF THE PITCH! IT'S LIKE A PLOUGHED FIELD!
YES! THEY'RE GROWING POTATO CRISPS IN IT!
THAT REMINDS ME — I FORGOT TO MAKE MY BED THIS MORNING!
CRISPS



WE NEED A ROLLER!

YOU CAN BORROW A ROLLER FROM ME, BALL BOY!
EH?

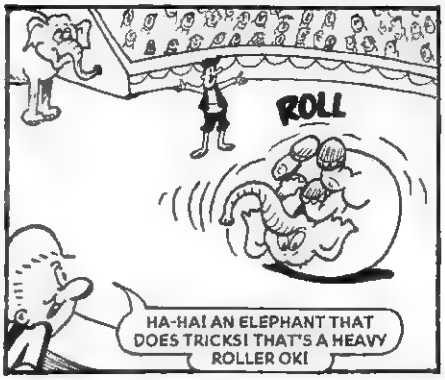

IN FACT, AS MANY AS YOU WANT, HANDSOME!
ER . . . NO THANKS, SUE ELLEN! WRONG TYPE OF ROLLER!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY STAMPING THE PITCH FLAT. COME ON EVERYBODY. PRETEND YOU'RE A BAD TEMPERED TENNIS PLAYER.

YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS!
THAT BALL WAS IN!
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
THE NET HAS A HOLE IN IT!
STAMP!
THUD!
POUND!
WHUMP!

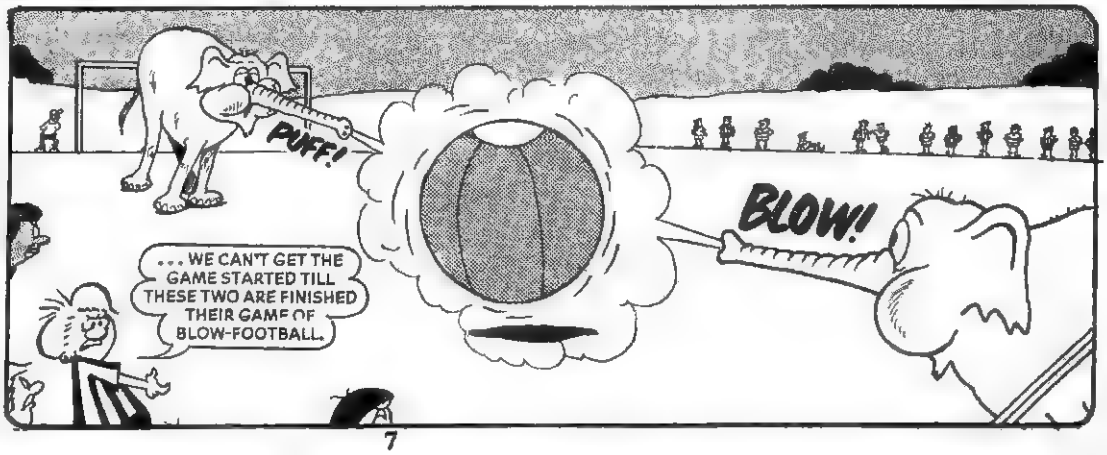
PHEW! WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE! IT'S AS BAD AS EVER. WE NEED A HEAVY ROLLER!

BB! I'VE JUST SEEN THE VERY THING IN THAT CIRCUS OVER THERE!


ROLL
HA-HA! AN ELEPHANT THAT DOES TRICKS! THAT'S A HEAVY ROLLER OK!

So —
GREAT WORK, JUMBO!
ROLLL

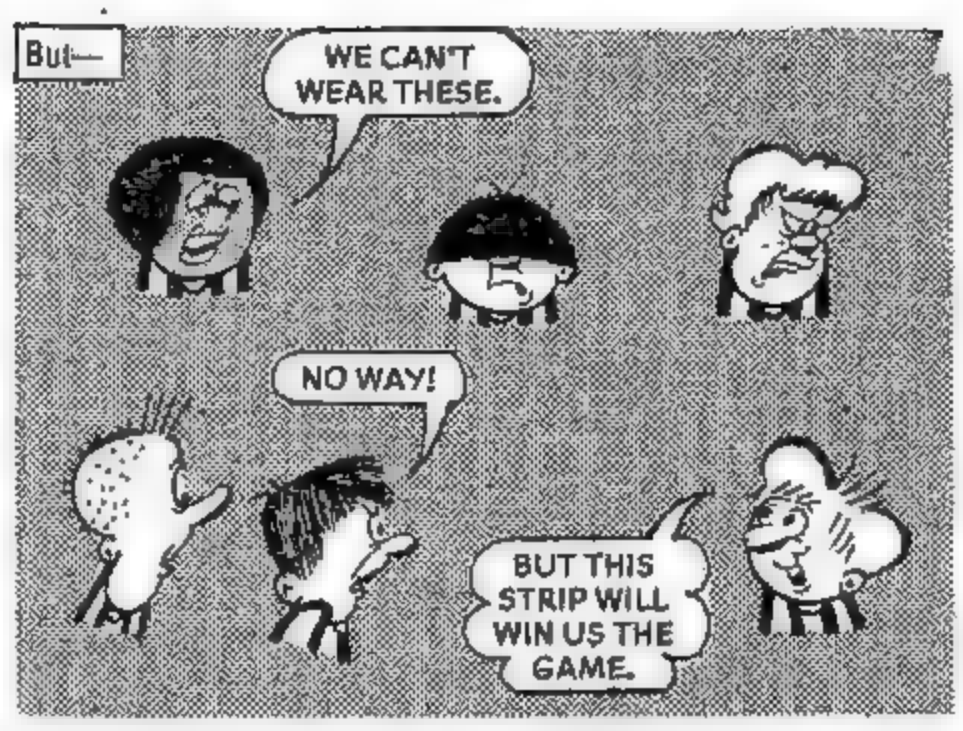
Shortly —
THE PITCH IS PERFECT BUT . . .


PUFF!
BLOW!
. . . WE CAN'T GET THE GAME STARTED TILL THESE TWO ARE FINISHED THEIR GAME OF BLOW-FOOTBALL.

BALL BOY
NOT LONG TO GO. WE'VE GOT TO SCORE THE WINNER!
PENALTY!
HUMPH!
OW!
CLUMP!
So–
YOU TAKE IT, B.B.! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!
ER... OK!
LEND ME YOUR SPECS. DOUBLE GLAZE!
WHIP!
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE BALL IS PERFECTLY ROUND!
NO BUMPS TO DIVERT THE BALL!
PAT! PAT!
THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!
I'LL JUST MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO LOOSE BLADES OF GRASS TO STOP THE BALL!
SWEEP!
HMM! WHICH WAY'S THE WIND BLOWING?
JUST GET ON WITH IT!
YOU STAND RIGHT THERE AND REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T MOVE TILL I KICK THE BALL.
GRRR! I'VE HAD ENOUGH! GIVE ME THE BALL BEFORE IT'S FULL TIME!
OUT OF THE WAY, BALL BOY!
SCAMPER!
GETTING BIG BERT ANNOYED WORKED! HE'S MUCH BETTER AT TAKING PENALTIES THAN ME, BUT HE'S USUALLY SCARED!
TAKE THAT!
THUD!
PHEW!

BALL BOY

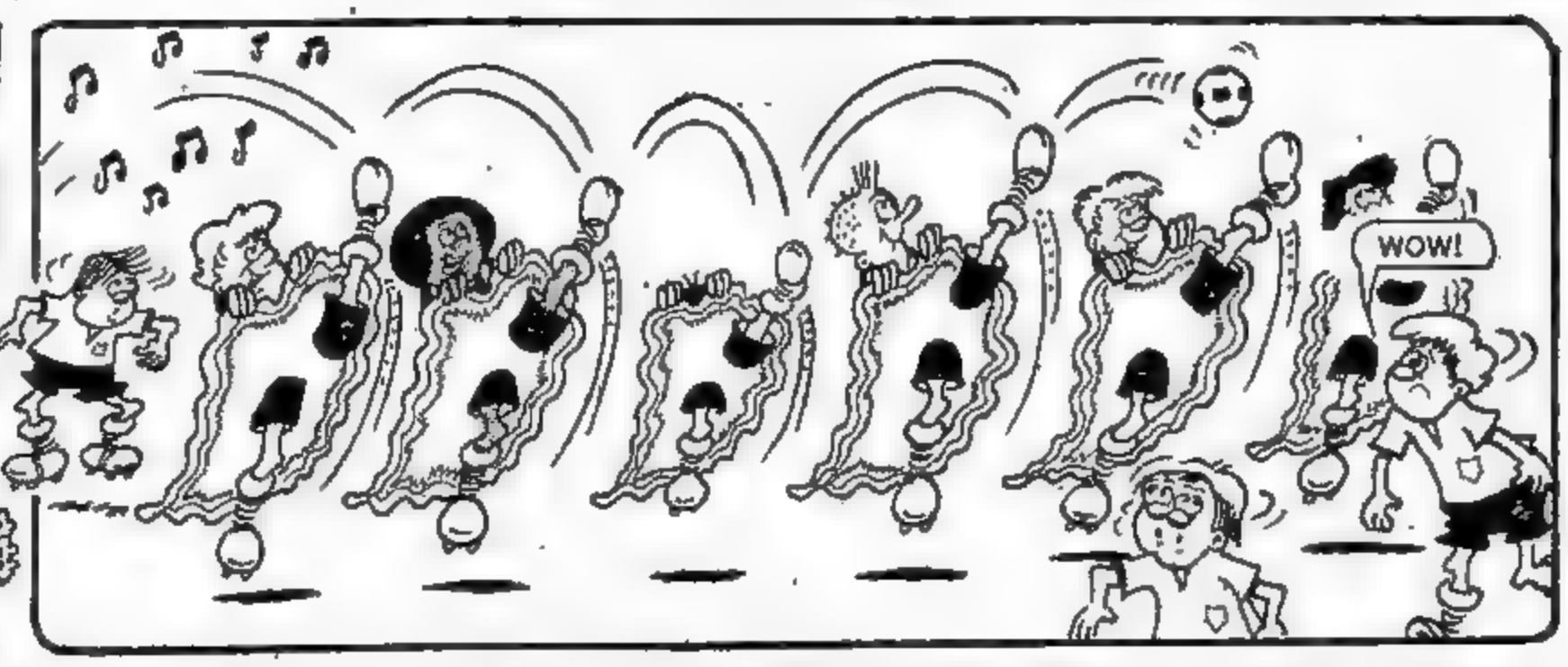
DRESSING ROOM
HERE'S OUR NEW STRIP, TEAM.


But—
WE CAN'T WEAR THESE.
NO WAY!
BUT THIS STRIP WILL WIN US THE GAME.

THE SHAME OF IT! WE'RE WEARING CAN-CAN SKIRTS.
BLUSH!
BLUSH!
THE MUSIC'S READY, B.B.
FAITHFUL FAN

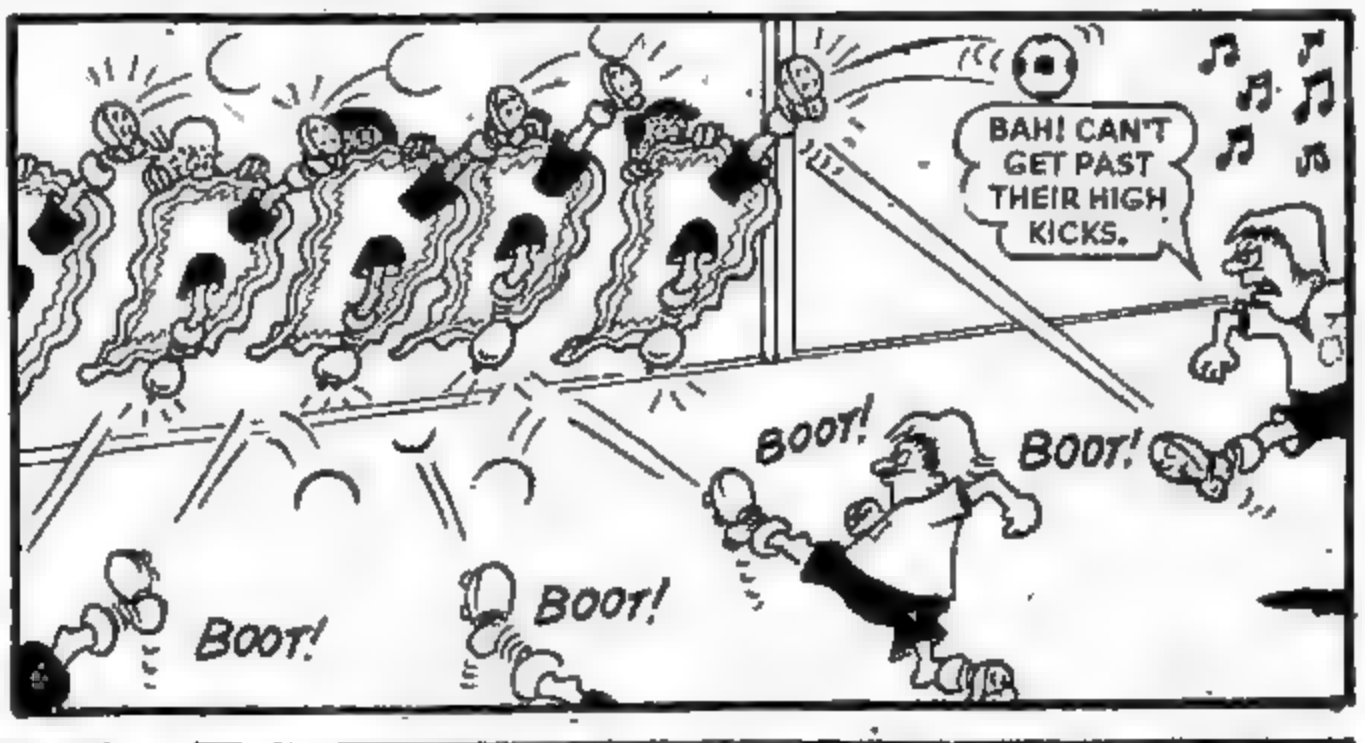
KICK OFF!
I'LL SWITCH ON.

CAN-CAN MUSIC
TO YOU!

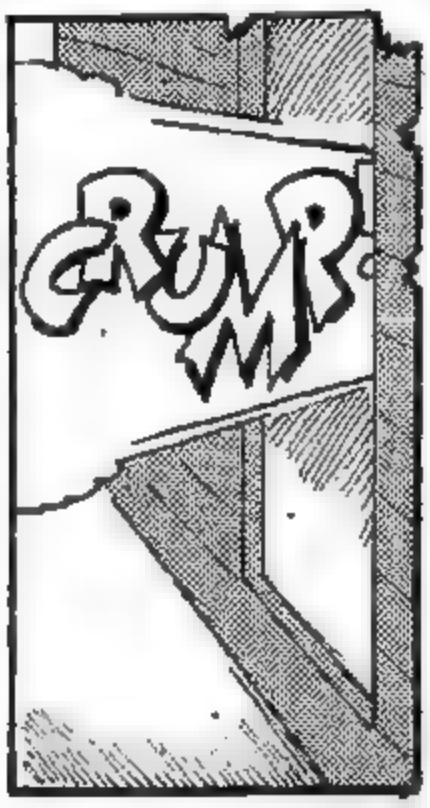

WOW!

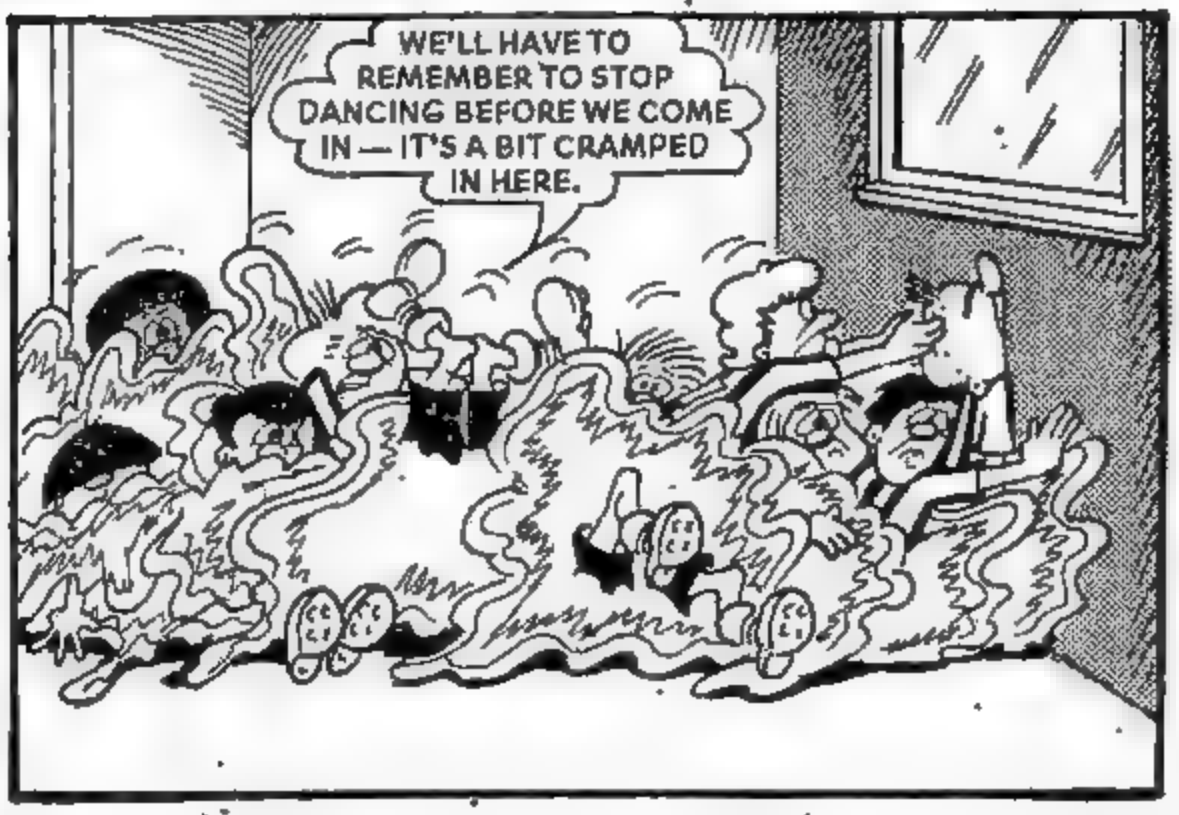
GOAL!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS DEFEND.


BAH! CAN'T GET PAST THEIR HIGH KICKS.
BOOT!
BOOT!
BOOT!

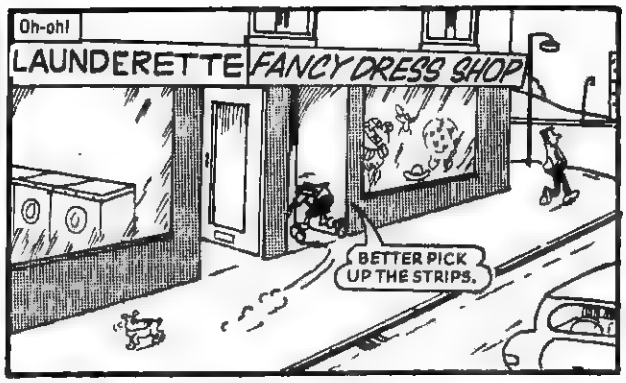
Full time—
WAHEY! WE WON!


CRUMP!


WE'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER TO STOP DANCING BEFORE WE COME IN — IT'S A BIT CRAMPED IN HERE.

BALL BOY

I'M LATE FOR THE MATCH.


Oh-oh!
LAUNDERETTE
FANCY DRESS SHOP
BETTER PICK UP THE STRIPS.

Shortly —
HERE ARE THE STRIPS.
WHUMP!
BEANO

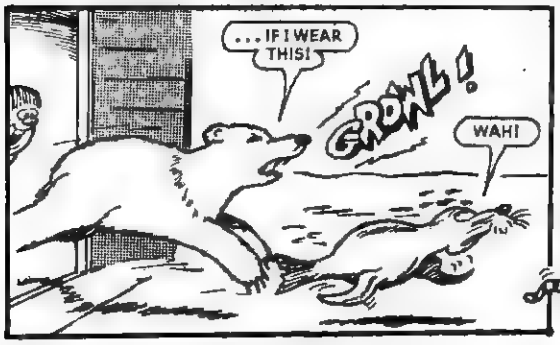
THIS IS FULL OF FANCY DRESS COSTUMES.
OOPS! I WENT INTO THE WRONG PLACE.

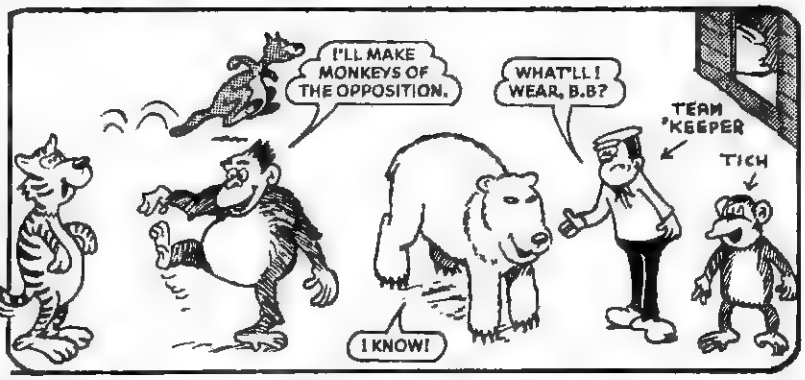
NEVER MIND —IF I WEAR THIS . . .

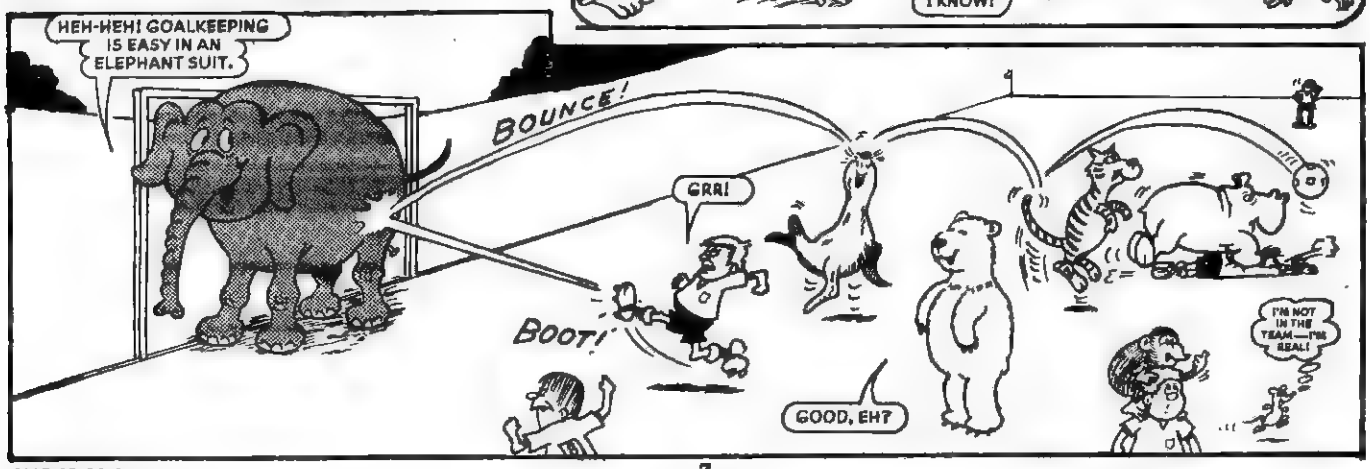
. . . I'LL REACH HIGH BALLS MUCH BETTER.

MY BALL CONTROL IS GOOD IN THIS COSTUME.

CAN'T RUN VERY FAST, THOUGH.
OH, YES YOU CAN.


. . . IF I WEAR THIS!
GROWL!
WAH!


I'LL MAKE MONKEYS OF THE OPPOSITION.
WHAT'LL I WEAR, B.B?
TEAM 'KEEPER
TICH
I KNOW!


HEH-HEH! GOALKEEPING IS EASY IN AN ELEPHANT SUIT.
BOUNCE!
GRR!
BOOT!
GOOD, EH?
I'M NOT IN THE TEAM—I'M REAL!

BALL BOY

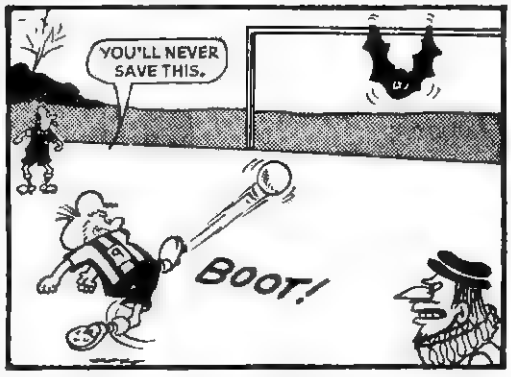
THIS IS THE ODDEST CHANGING ROOM I'VE EVER SEEN.
CHANGING ROOM

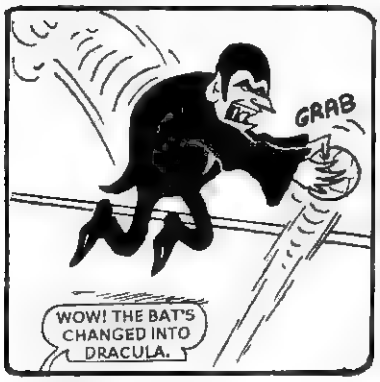
AND THESE ARE VERY STRANGE LOCKERS.

WOOOOOO
WAAH!
THANKS FOR WAKENING US UP.

The game starts—
I'LL GIVE HIM A HARD TACKLE.

THAT WAS EASY.


YOU'LL NEVER SAVE THIS.
BOOT!


GRAB
WOW! THE BAT'S CHANGED INTO DRACULA.

Then—
HE'LL NEVER GET THE BALL OFF ME.

HAND BALL!

HOW DARE YOU GIVE A FOUL AGAINST US?

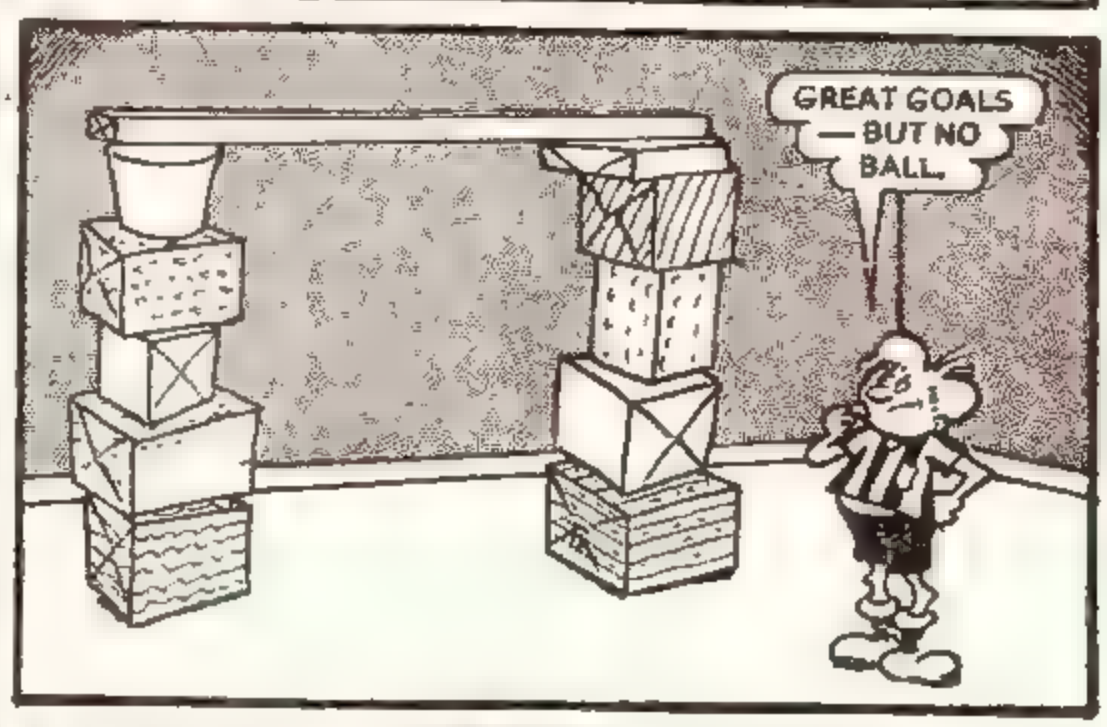
GET HIM!
WOOO!
WAH!
THE GHOST WAS JUST A FILM.
OUR GAMES AGAINST BEANOTOWN HORROR FILM STUDIO ALWAYS END LIKE THIS.

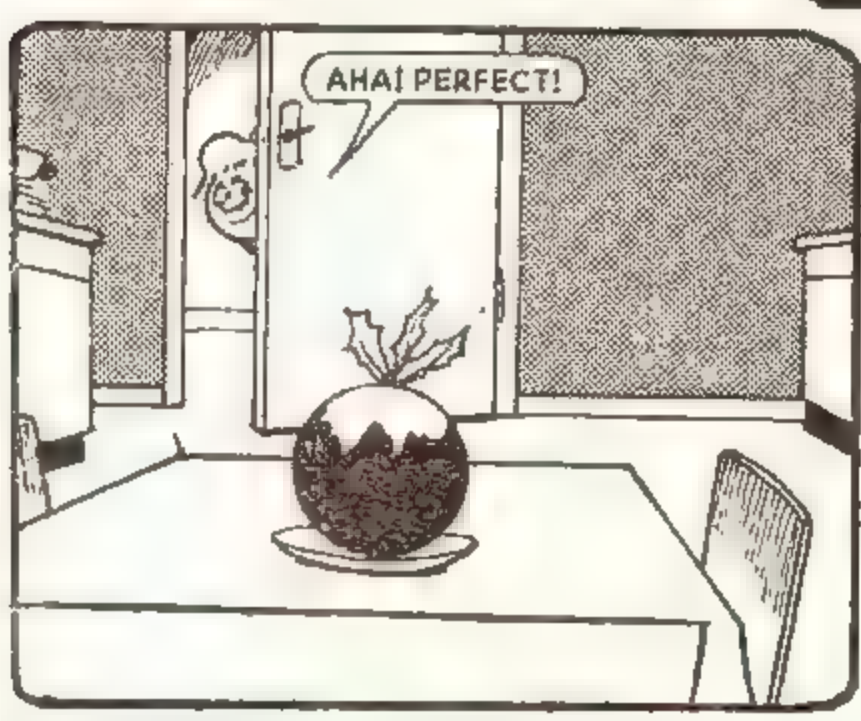
BALL BOY

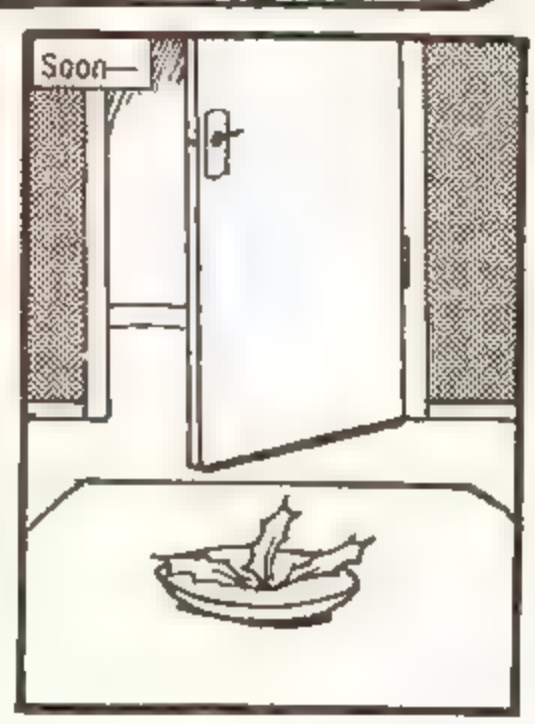
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY. WAHEY!

WOW! THOSE PRESENTS LOOK GOOD.

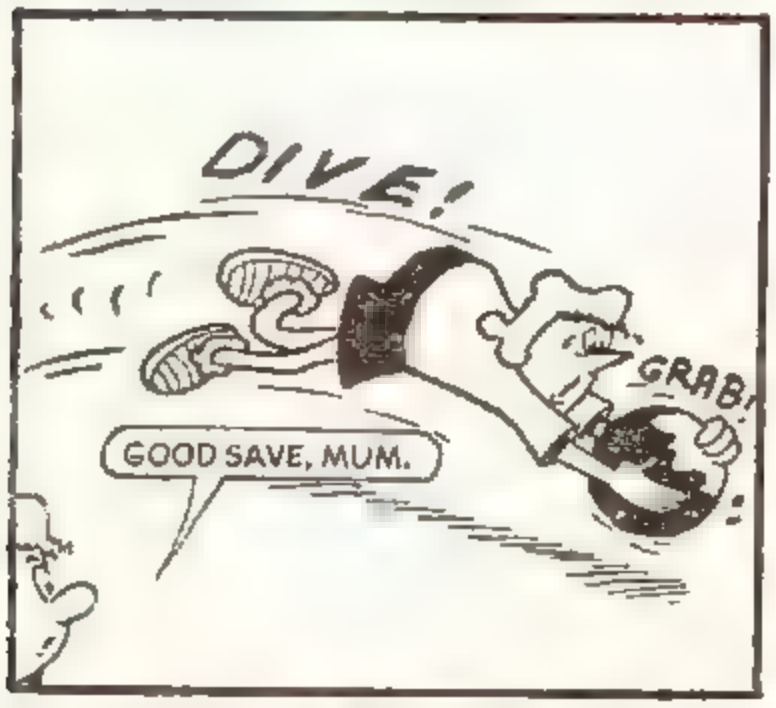
I'LL JUST PILE THEM UP.

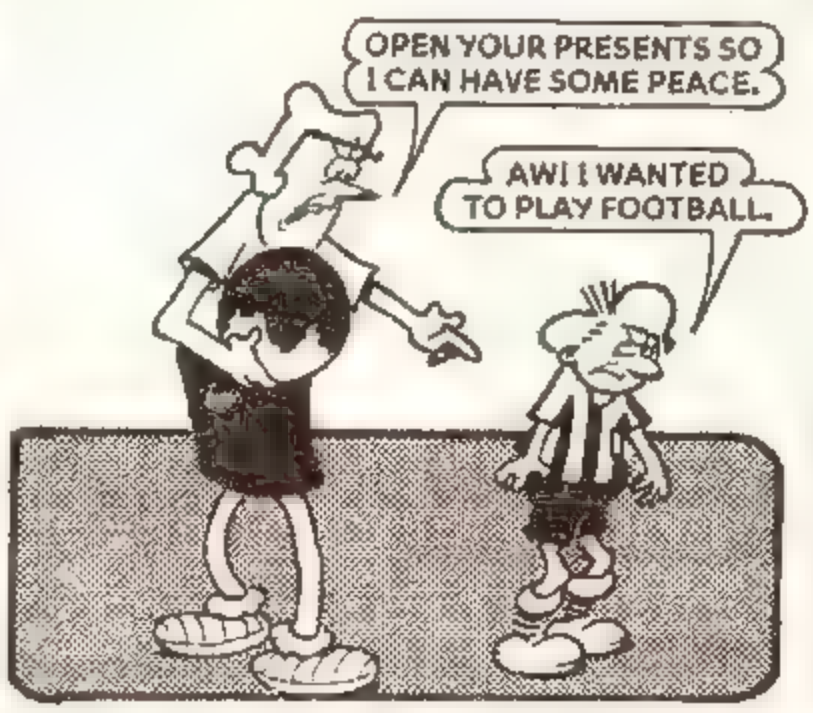

GREAT GOALS — BUT NO BALL.


AHA! PERFECT!


Soon—

WAH! THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING!
ZUNK!

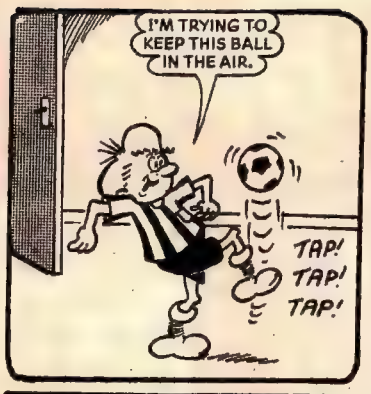

DIVE!
GRAB!
GOOD SAVE, MUM.

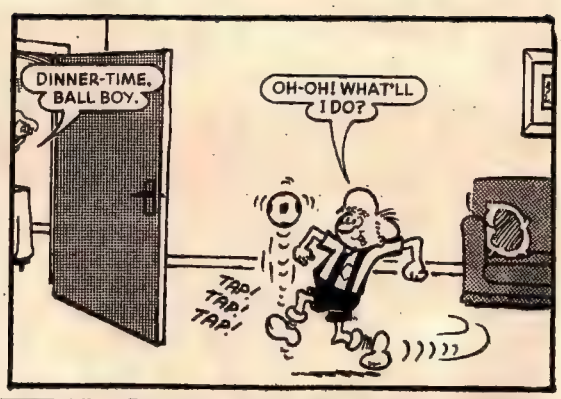

OPEN YOUR PRESENTS SO I CAN HAVE SOME PEACE.
AW! I WANTED TO PLAY FOOTBALL.

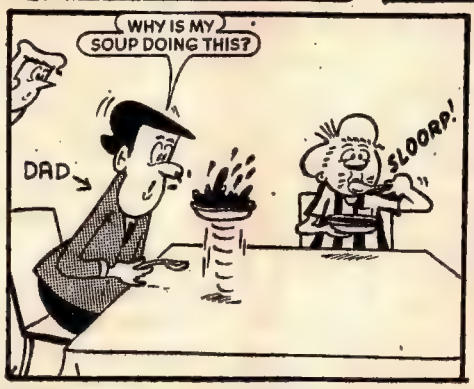
EYES LIGHTING UP
WOW!

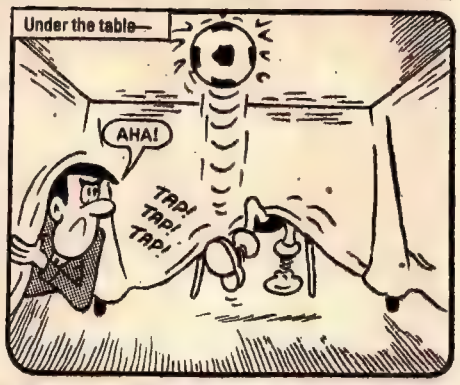
HMPH! TRUST SANTA TO BRING HIM THOSE.
SHRUG!
BOOT!
SOCCER BALL
COLLAPSIBLE GOALPOSTS

BALL BOY

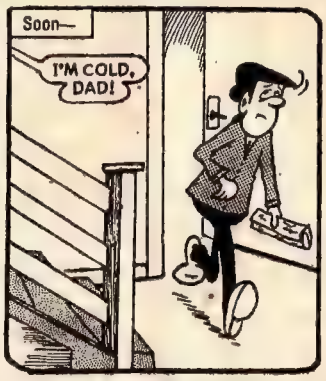

I'M TRYING TO KEEP THIS BALL IN THE AIR.
TAP! TAP! TAP!

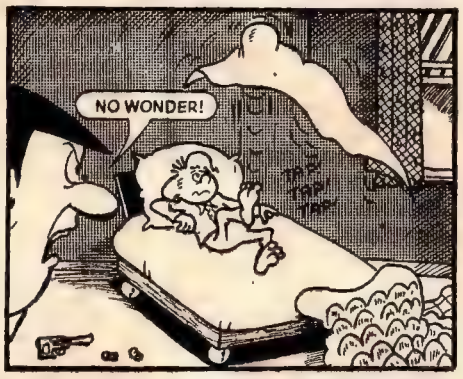

DINNER-TIME, BALL BOY.
OH-OH! WHAT'LL I DO?
TAP! TAP! TAP!

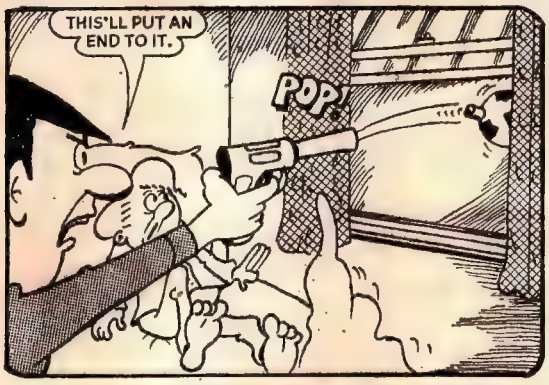

WHY IS MY SOUP DOING THIS?
DAD
SLOORP!


Under the table—
AHA!
TAP! TAP! TAP!

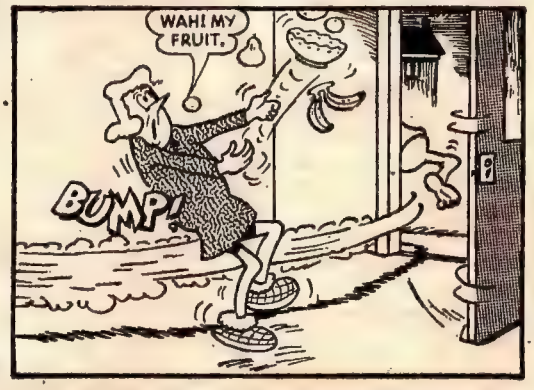
GET TO BED — I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU KEEPING THAT BALL UP.
TAP! TAP! TAP!


Soon—
I'M COLD, DAD!

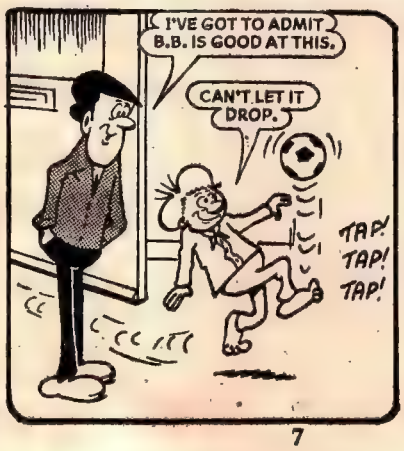

NO WONDER!
TAP! TAP! TAP!

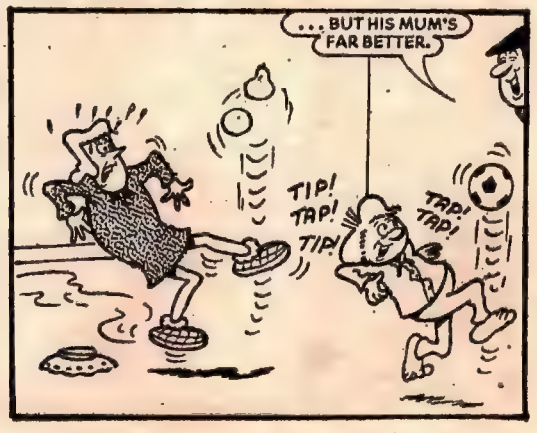

THIS'LL PUT AN END TO IT.
POP!

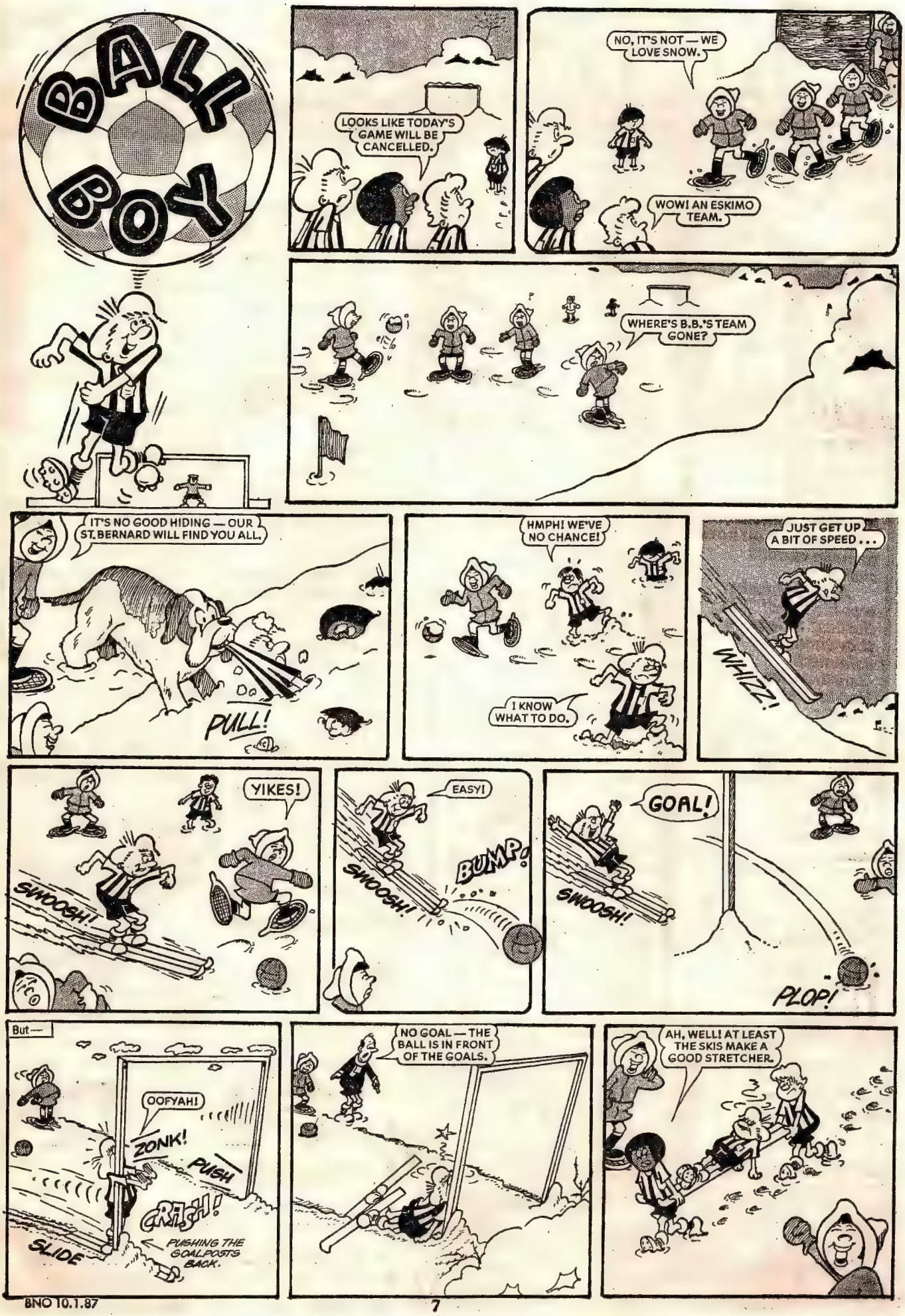
WAH! MUST GET TO THE BALL BEFORE IT HITS THE GROUND.


WAH! MY FRUIT.
BUMP!

MADE IT!
TAP!


I'VE GOT TO ADMIT B.B. IS GOOD AT THIS.
CAN'T LET IT DROP.
TAP! TAP! TAP!


... BUT HIS MUM'S FAR BETTER.
TIP! TAP! TIP!
TAP! TAP!


BALL BOY
LOOKS LIKE TODAY'S GAME WILL BE CANCELLED.
NO, IT'S NOT — WE LOVE SNOW.
WOW! AN ESKIMO TEAM.
WHERE'S B.B.'S TEAM GONE?
IT'S NO GOOD HIDING — OUR ST. BERNARD WILL FIND YOU ALL.
PULL!
HMPH! WE'VE NO CHANCE!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO.
JUST GET UP A BIT OF SPEED . . .
WHIZZ!
YIKES!
SWOOSH!
EASY!
SWOOSH!
BUMP!
GOAL!
SWOOSH!
PLOP!
But —
OOFYAH!
ZONK!
PUSH
CRASH!
SLIDE
PUSHING THE GOALPOSTS BACK.
NO GOAL — THE BALL IS IN FRONT OF THE GOALS.
AH, WELL! AT LEAST THE SKIS MAKE A GOOD STRETCHER.

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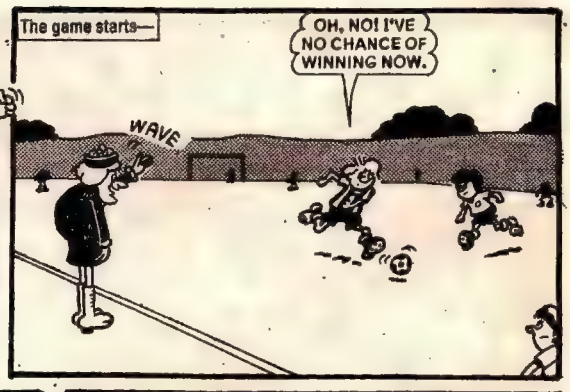
BALL BOY

EE EYE ADDIO! I'M GOING TO WIN THE CUP.
B.B. THINKS HE'S GOING TO WIN THE "MAN OF THE MATCH" AWARD TODAY.


The game starts—
OH, NO! I'VE NO CHANCE OF WINNING NOW.
WAVE

HOPELESS B.B.!
MY GRAN DISTRACTED ME.
TRIP

LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
TAP!

COME ON — TACKLE ME!
JIG
JIG

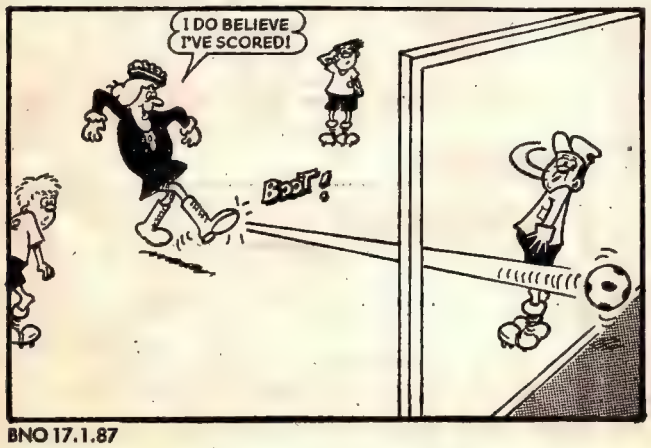
HOPELESS!
SLIDE

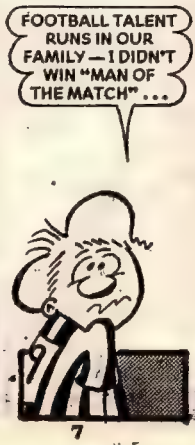
OFF! OFF!
WAG WAG
STOP IT! IT'S RUDE TO WHISTLE, SONNY.

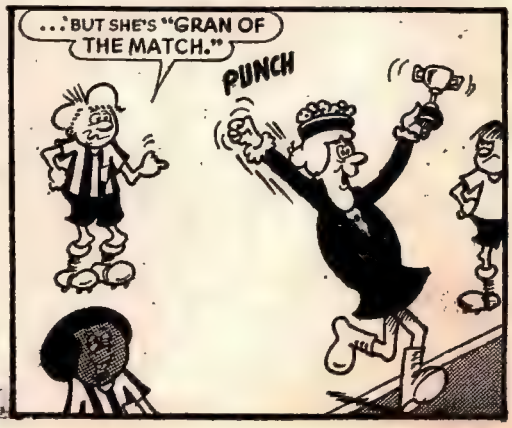
I THINK I'LL SWERVE TO THE RIGHT . . .
SWERVE

. . . OR MAYBE LEFT — WE OLD FOLK TAKE AGES TO MAKE UP OUR MINDS.
SWERVE

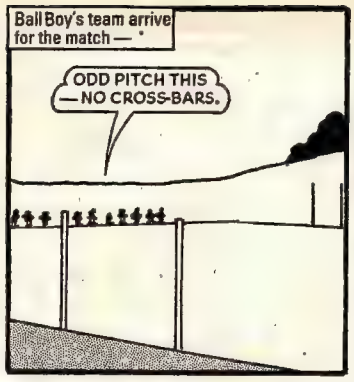
I'M GOING TO SHOOT— DON'T DIRTY YOUR JERSEY BY DIVING FOR IT, GOALIE.
ER — YES!


I DO BELIEVE I'VE SCORED!
BOOT!


FOOTBALL TALENT RUNS IN OUR FAMILY — I DIDN'T WIN "MAN OF THE MATCH" . . .


. . . BUT SHE'S "GRAN OF THE MATCH."
PUNCH

BALL BOY

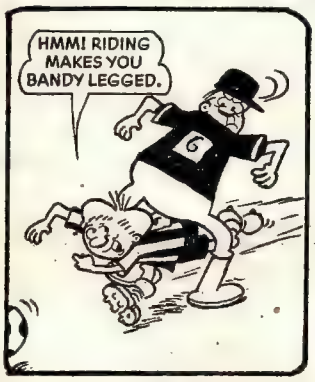

Ball Boy's team arrive for the match —
ODD PITCH THIS — NO CROSS-BARS.

WOW! THE OPPOSITION PLAYERS.
THUNDER!

WE'RE A POLO TEAM.
DOLT! THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU ORGANISE A MATCH.

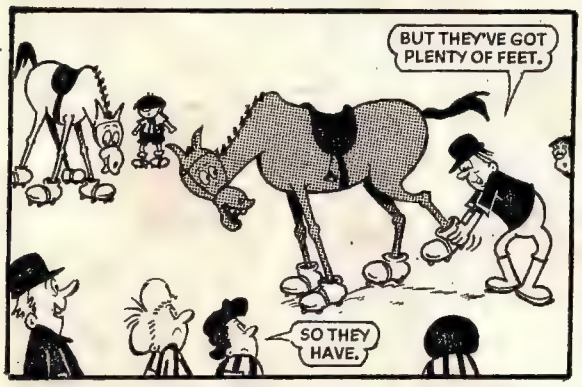
SINCE YOU'VE NO HORSES, WE'LL PLAY YOU AT FOOTBALL.
OK.

EASY!

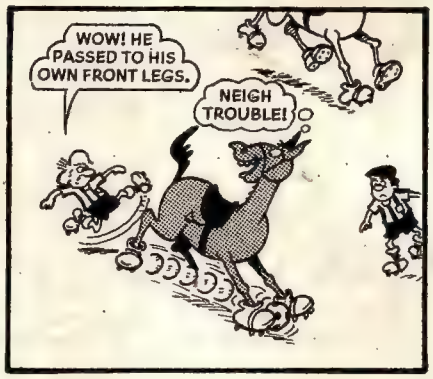

HMM! RIDING MAKES YOU BANDY LEGGED.

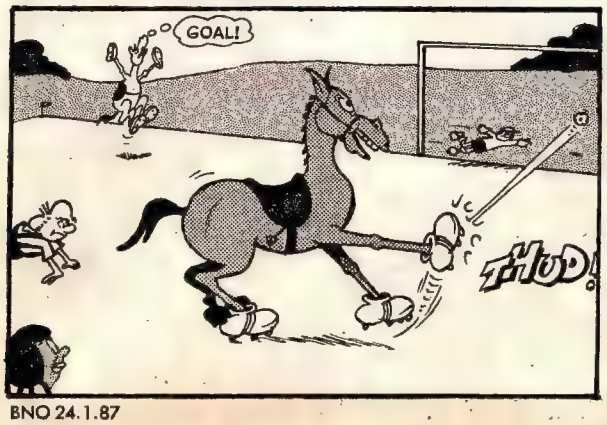
I KNOW!

OUR HORSES WILL PLAY YOU.
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH.


BUT THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF FEET.
SO THEY HAVE.

I'LL TACKLE HIM FROM THE BACK.


WOW! HE PASSED TO HIS OWN FRONT LEGS.
NEIGH TROUBLE!


GOAL!
THUD!

NOT ONLY DID WE GET BEATEN . . .

. . . HORSES TAKE UP ALL THE ROOM IN THE BATH.

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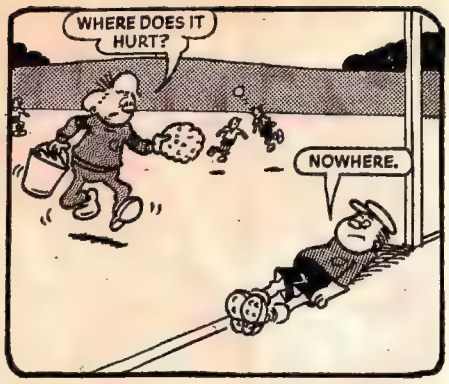
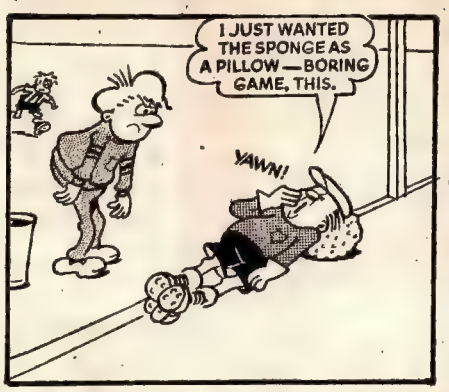
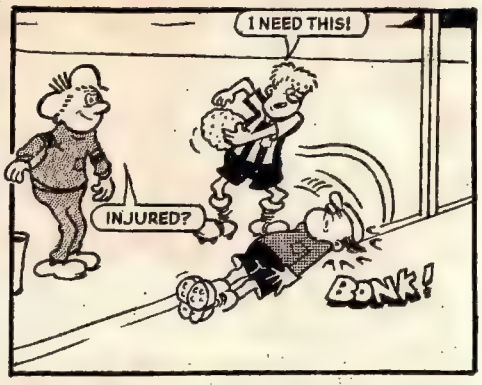
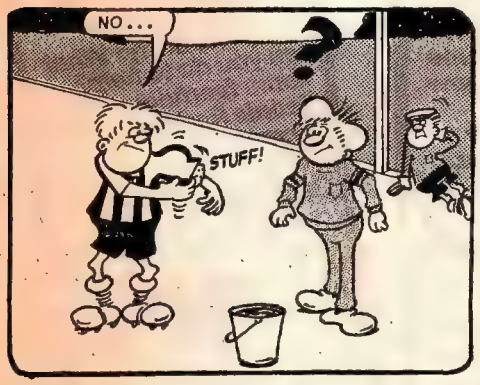
BALL BOY

I'M TRAINER TODAY.
YOUR GOALIE WANTS YOU, BB.


WHERE DOES IT HURT?
NOWHERE.


I JUST WANTED THE SPONGE AS A PILLOW — BORING GAME, THIS.
YAWN!

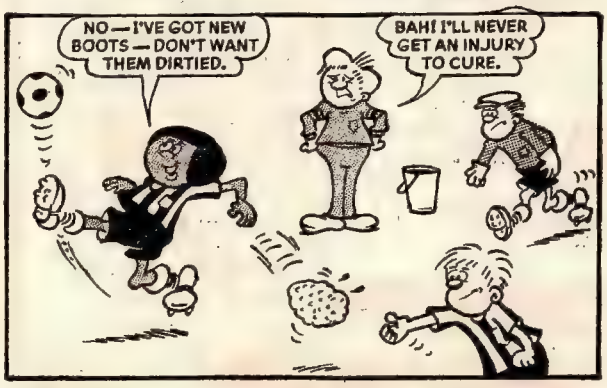

I NEED THIS!
INJURED?
BONK!


NO . . .
STUFF!

SEE — I'VE GOT BIGGER MUSCLES THAN YOU.
HMPH!

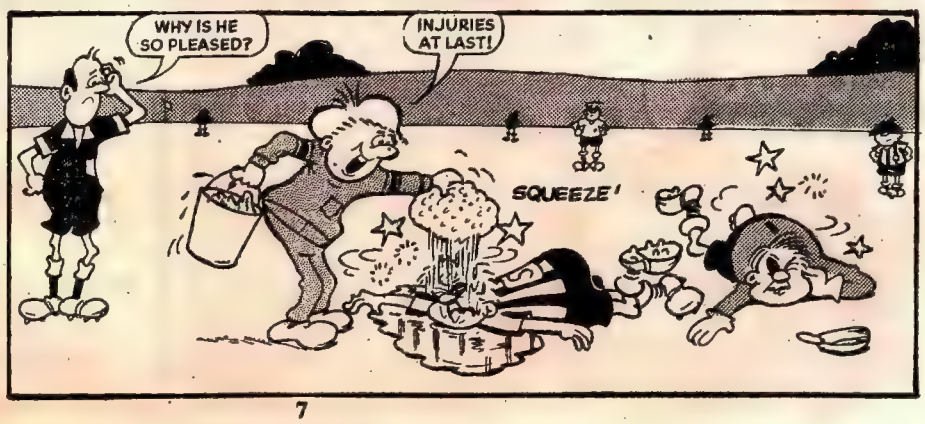
I NEED THE SPONGE NOW.
ARE YOU HURT?

IS THE BALL HURT?
WIPE
DIP!

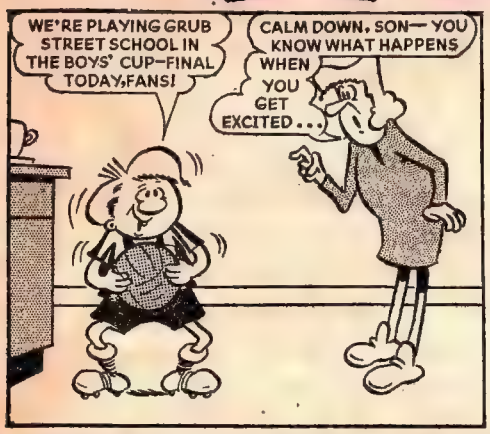

NO — I'VE GOT NEW BOOTS — DON'T WANT THEM DIRTIED.
BAH! I'LL NEVER GET AN INJURY TO CURE.

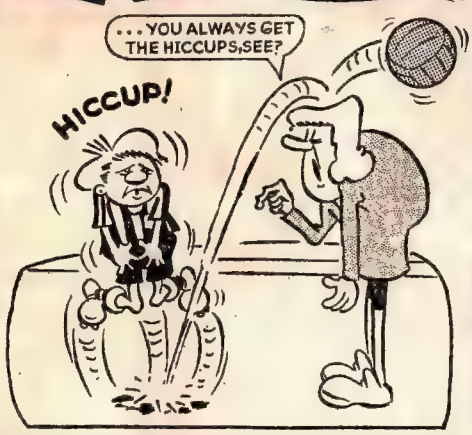
I WANT THE SPONGE.
I NEED IT!

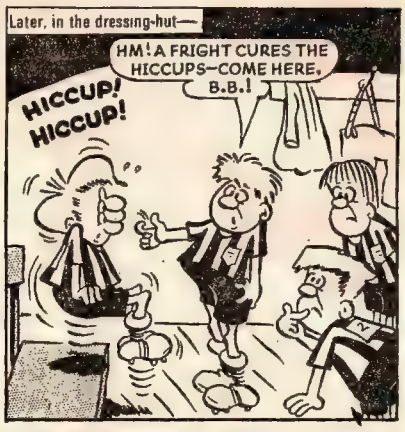
BIFF!
BOP! BASH!
SCUD!

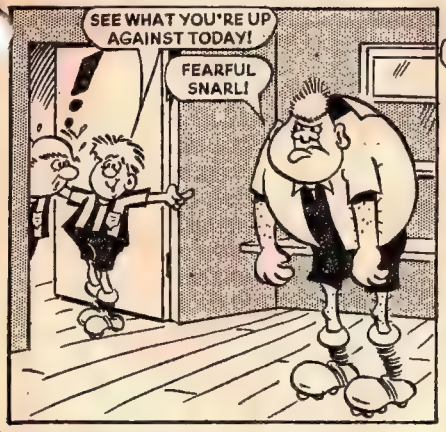

WHY IS HE SO PLEASED?
INJURIES AT LAST!
SQUEEZE!

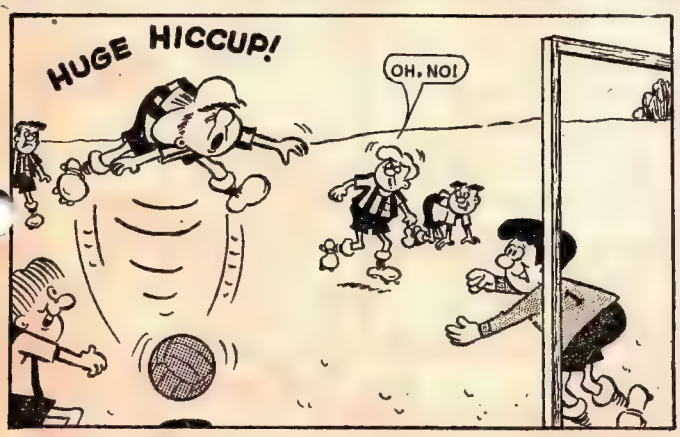
BALL BOY

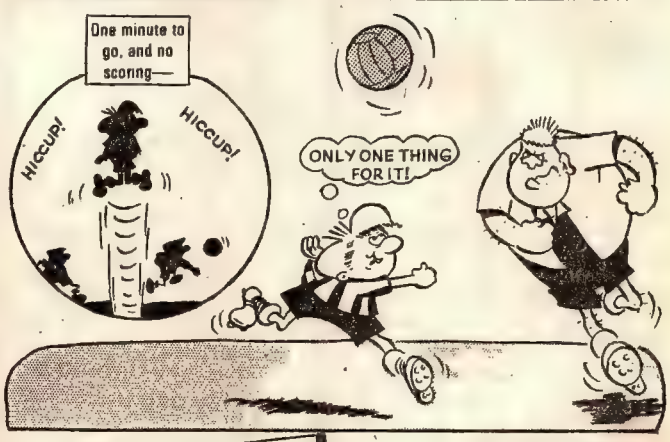


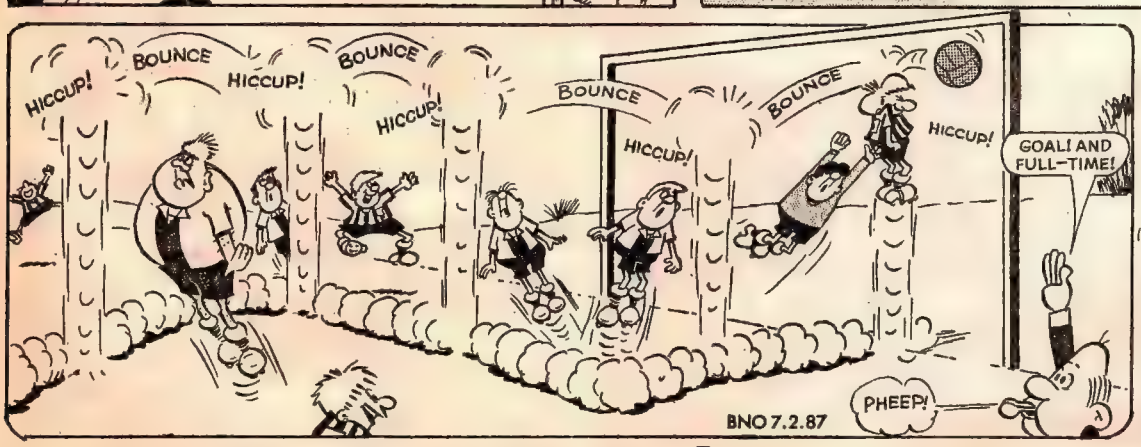












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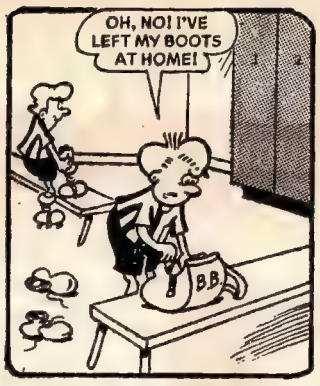
BALL BOY

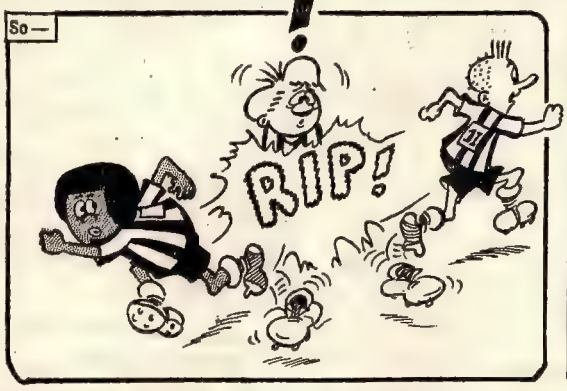

OH, NO! I'VE LEFT MY BOOTS AT HOME!

YOU TWO CAN HELP ME.

I'LL JUST LOOSEN THIS A BIT...

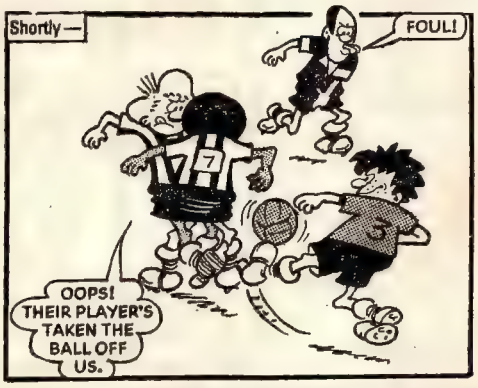
...AND YOU CAN LEND ME HALF A BOOT EACH.

I'M PLAYING ON THE RIGHT WING.
I'M ON THE LEFT.


So—
RIP!

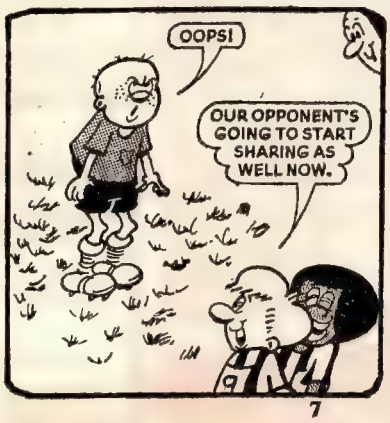
YOU SPLIT MY SHORTS!
PULL!
PULL!

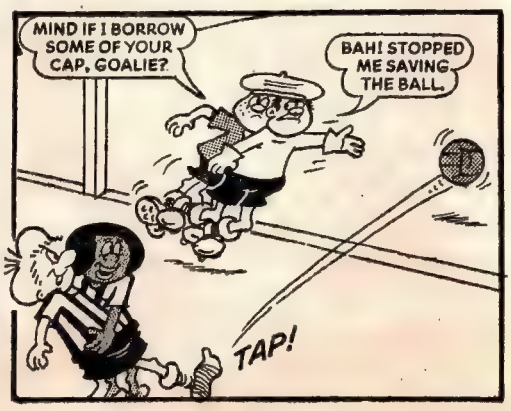
I'LL SHARE YOURS, BENJY.


Shortly—
FOUL!
OOPS! THEIR PLAYER'S TAKEN THE BALL OFF US.

WHAT DID I DO?
YOU TACKLED BENJY FROM THE BACK.
HA! HA!

RIP!
TEAR!
TEAR!
RIP!
WAH! THAT'S NOT FAIR!


OOPS!
OUR OPPONENT'S GOING TO START SHARING AS WELL NOW.


MIND IF I BORROW SOME OF YOUR CAP, GOALIE?
BAH! STOPPED ME SAVING THE BALL.
TAP!

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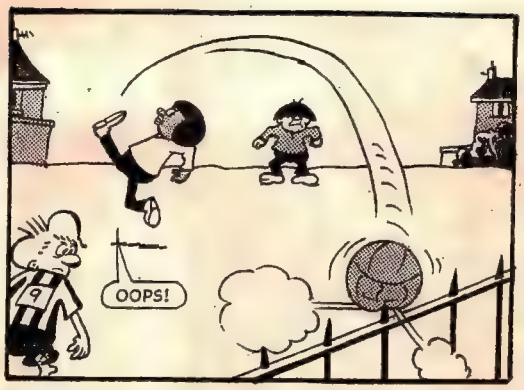
BALL BOY


OOPS!

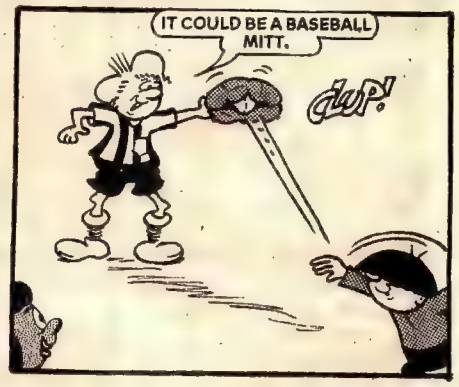
I'LL THROW THIS OUT — IT HAS NO USE NOW.
DON'T...

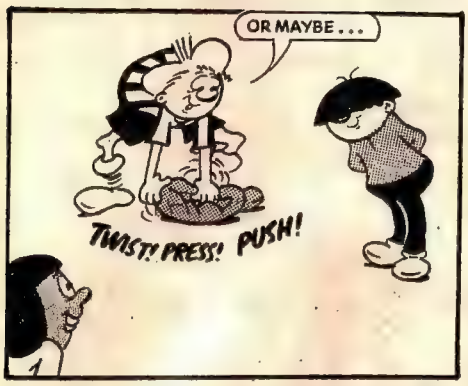
...THIS COULD HAVE LOTS OF USES.

A RAINHAT!

IF WE'RE PLAYING A TOUGH TEAM...

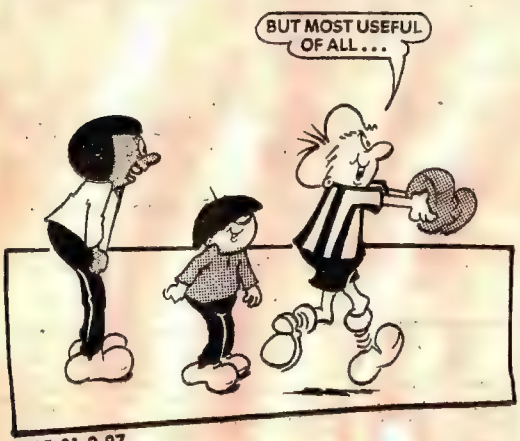
...THIS IS A GOOD PROTECTOR.
WHAP!


IT COULD BE A BASEBALL MITT.
clap!


OR MAYBE...
TWIST! PRESS! PUSH!

...A BOWL FOR HALF-TIME ORANGES.

OR A PAL FOR A TORTOISE.
COMING OUT TO PLAY?


BUT MOST USEFUL OF ALL...

BEANOTOWN SPORTS SHOP
FREE COMPETITION! SHOW 5 SILLY USES FOR A BURST BALL!
...IT'LL GET US A NEW BALL.
WELL DONE, B.B.
BLOW SOCCER

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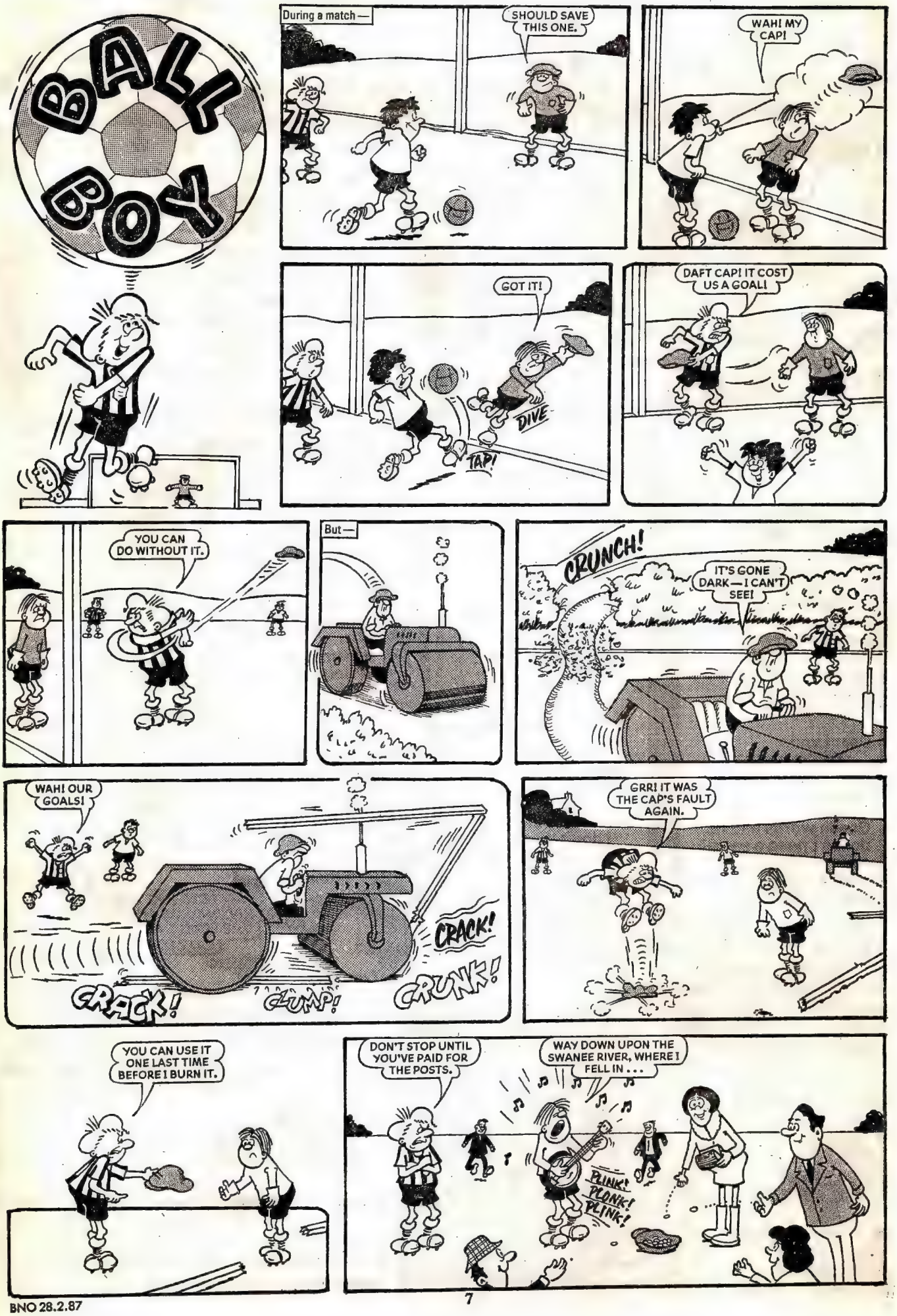
BALL BOY
During a match —
SHOULD SAVE THIS ONE.
WAH! MY CAP!
GOT IT!
DIVE
TAP!
DAFT CAP! IT COST US A GOAL!
YOU CAN DO WITHOUT IT.
But —
CRUNCH!
IT'S GONE DARK — I CAN'T SEE!
WAH! OUR GOALS!
CRACK!
CRUNK!
CLUMP!
CRACK!
GRR! IT WAS THE CAP'S FAULT AGAIN.
YOU CAN USE IT ONE LAST TIME BEFORE I BURN IT.
DON'T STOP UNTIL YOU'VE PAID FOR THE POSTS.
WAY DOWN UPON THE SWANEE RIVER, WHERE I FELL IN . . .
PLINK! PLONK! PLINK!

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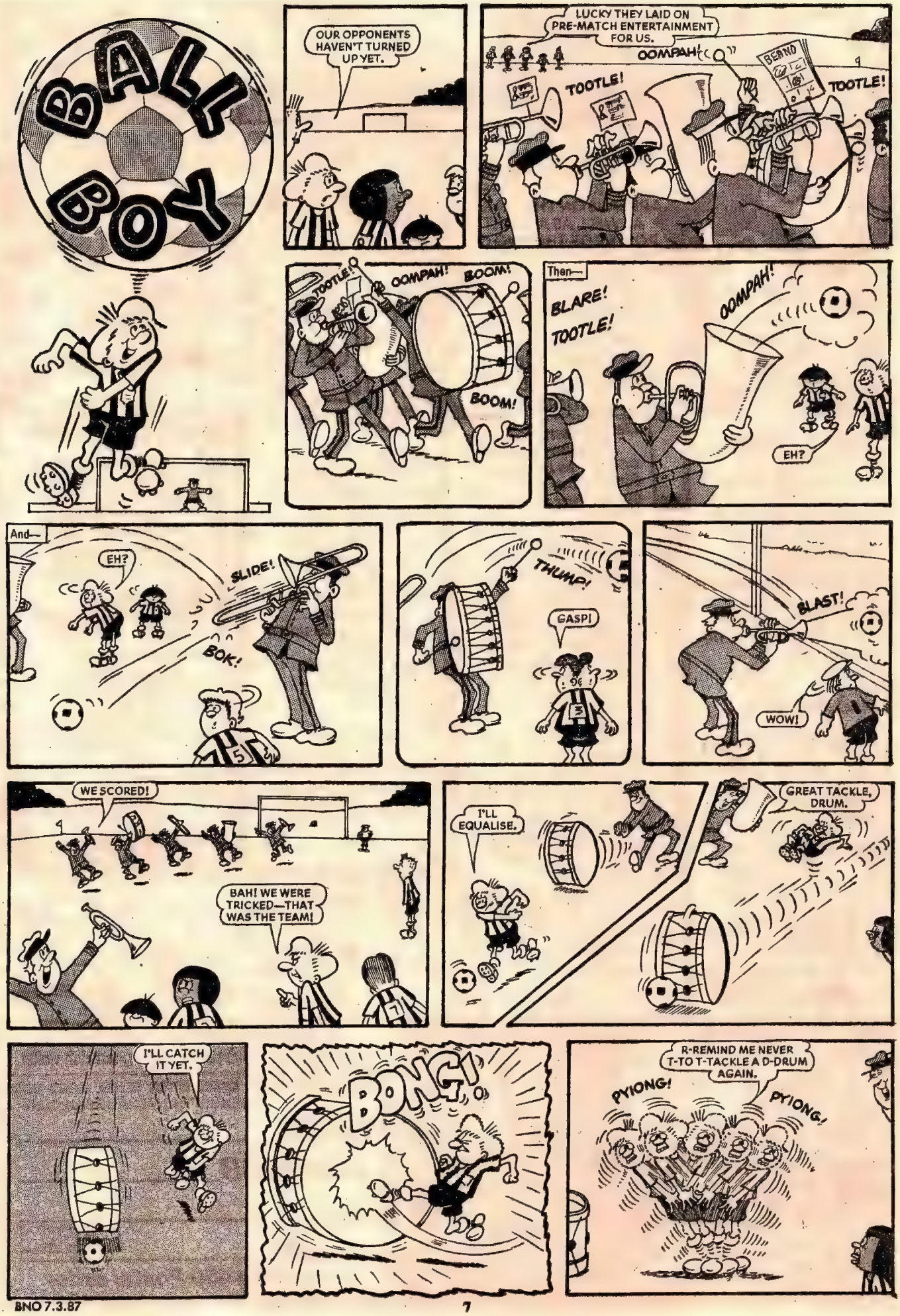
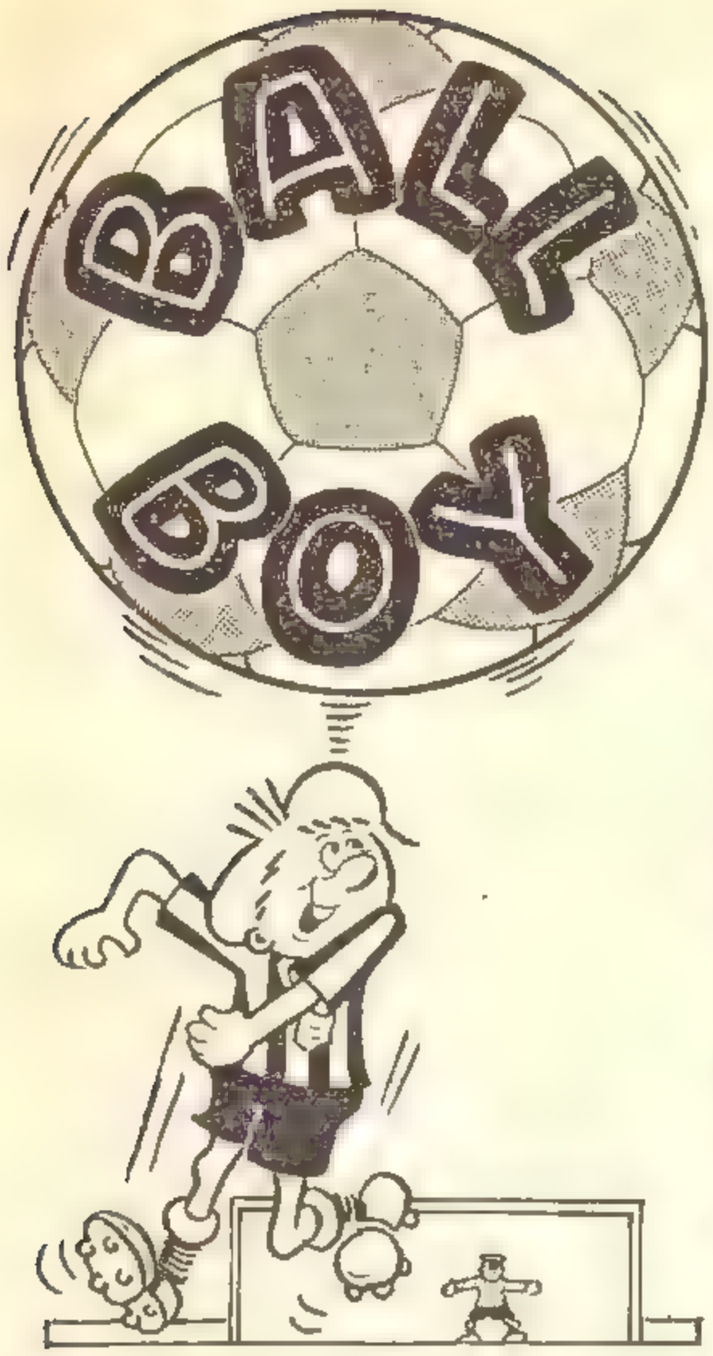
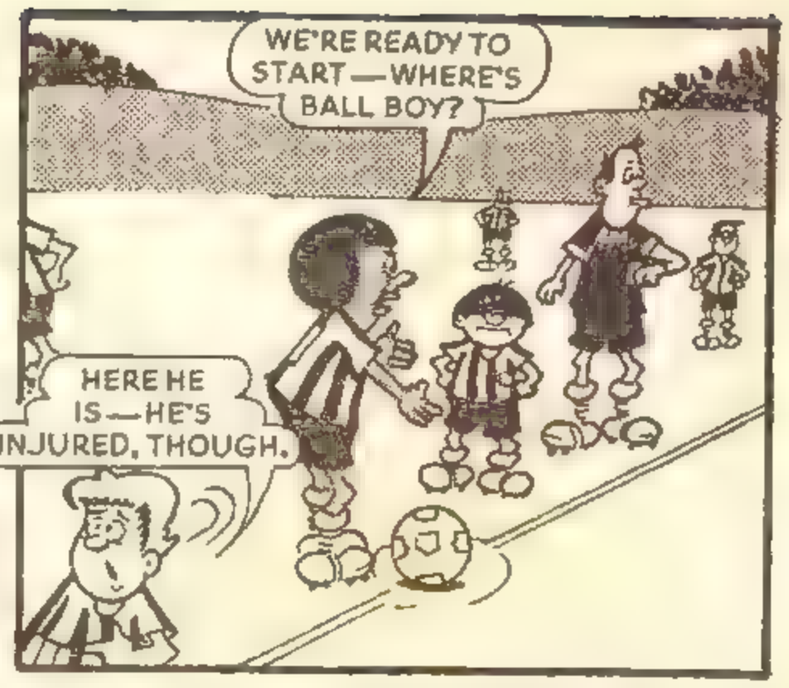

BALL BOY
OUR OPPONENTS HAVEN'T TURNED UP YET.
LUCKY THEY LAID ON PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT FOR US.
OOMPAH!
BERNO
TOOTLE!
TOOTLE!
TOOTLE!
OOMPAH!
BOOM!
BOOM!
Then—
BLARE!
TOOTLE!
OOMPAH!
EH?
And—
EH?
SLIDE!
BOK!
THUMP!
GASP!
BLAST!
WOW!
WE SCORED!
BAH! WE WERE TRICKED—THAT WAS THE TEAM!
I'LL EQUALISE.
GREAT TACKLE, DRUM.
I'LL CATCH IT YET.
BONG!
R-REMIND ME NEVER T-TO T-TACKLE A D-DRUM AGAIN.
PYIONG!
PYIONG!

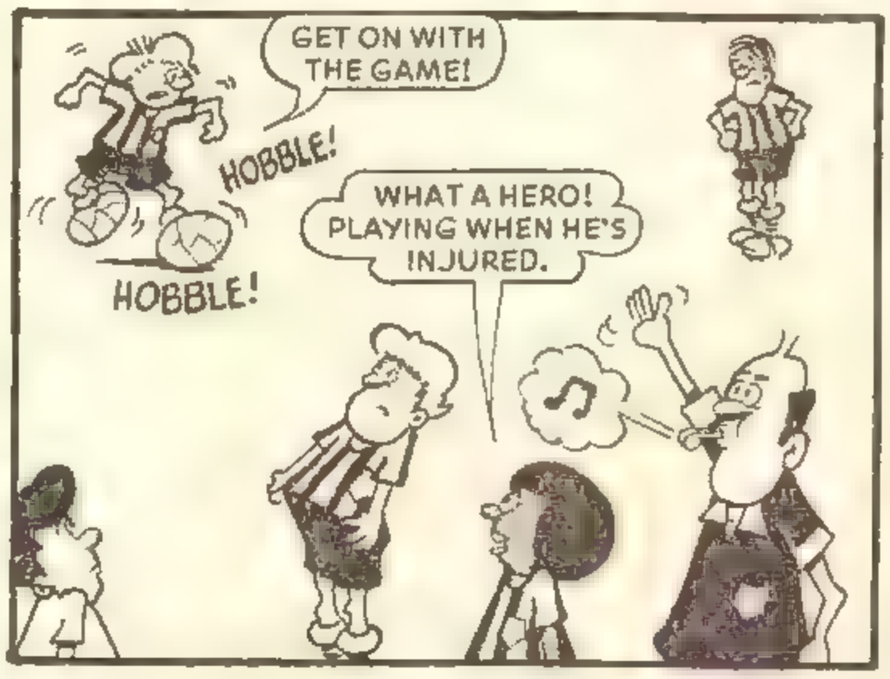
BALL BOY

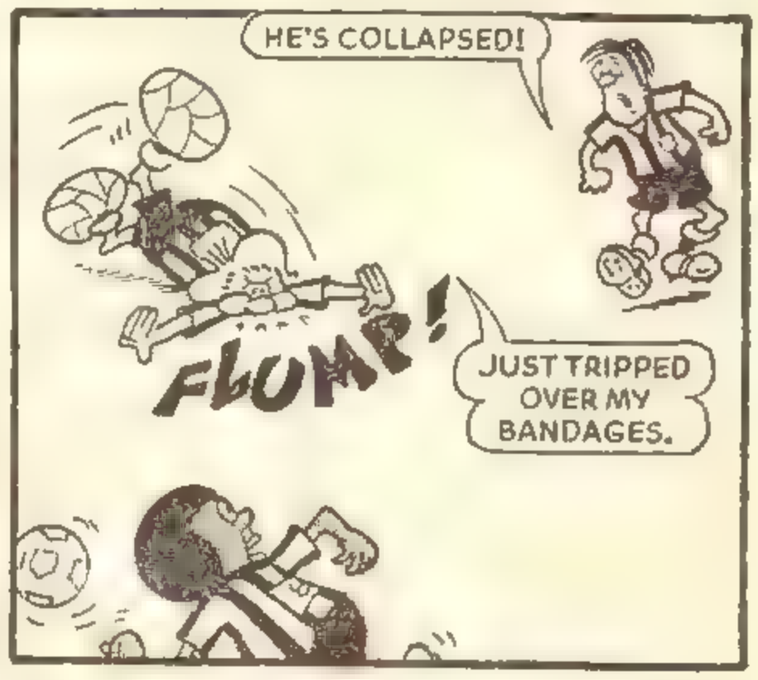


OH, NO! WHAT'LL I DO? A TERRIBLE THING HAS HAPPENED.

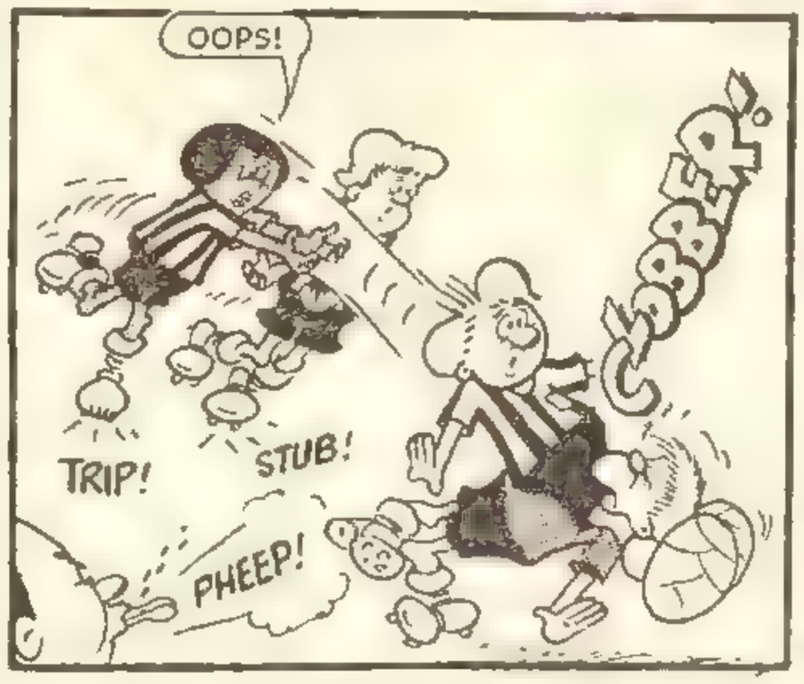
MY TEAM CAN'T PLAY WITHOUT ME — I'LL PLAY.


WE'RE READY TO START — WHERE'S BALL BOY?
HERE HE IS — HE'S INJURED, THOUGH.

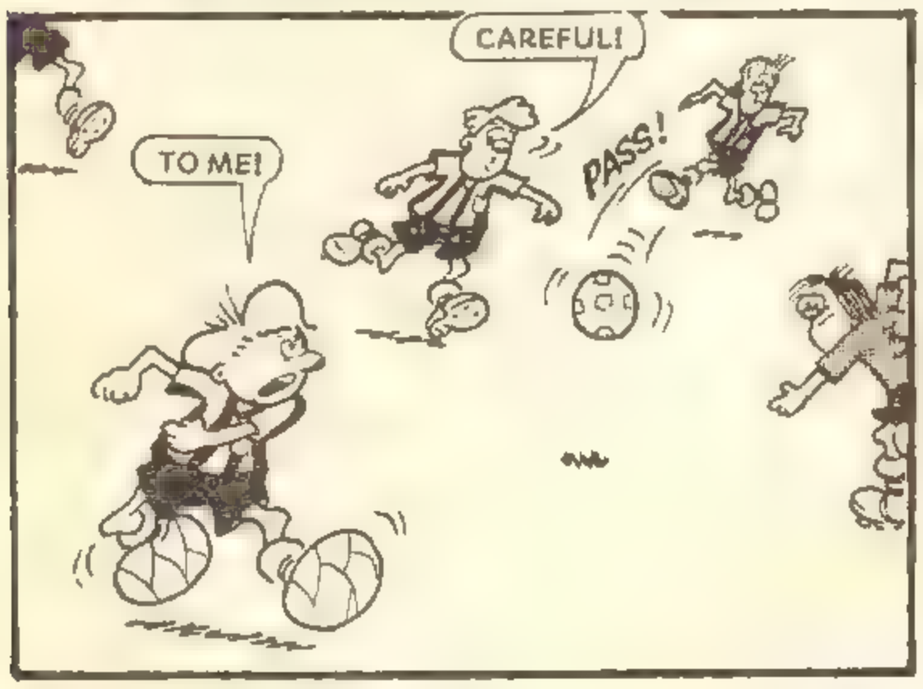

GET ON WITH THE GAME!
HOBBLE!
HOBBLE!
WHAT A HERO! PLAYING WHEN HE'S INJURED.


HE'S COLLAPSED!
FLUMP!
JUST TRIPPED OVER MY BANDAGES.

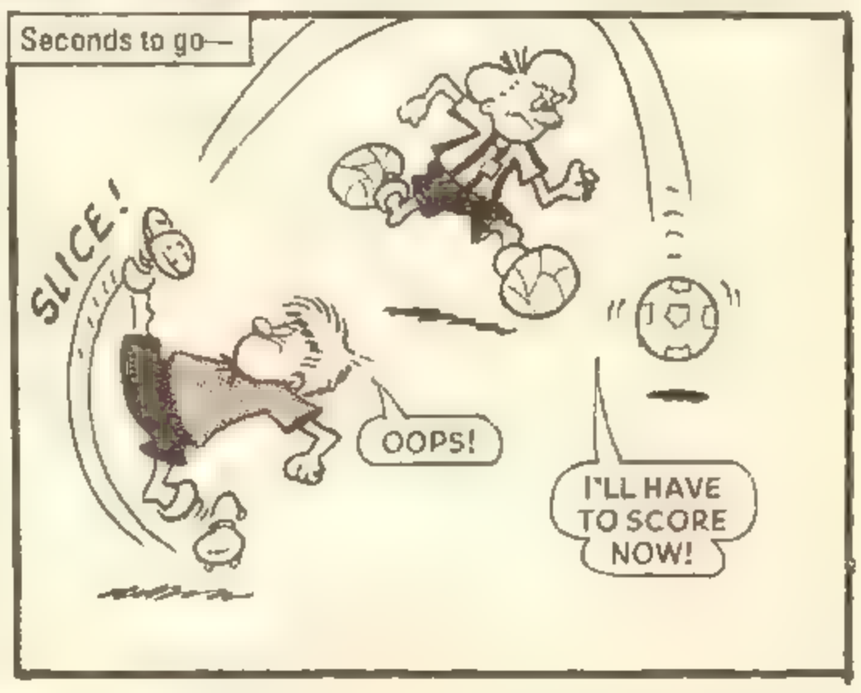
DON'T BE DAFT — PUT ME DOWN.
WE'LL CARRY YOU ABOUT — SAVE YOUR STRENGTH.
PASS!

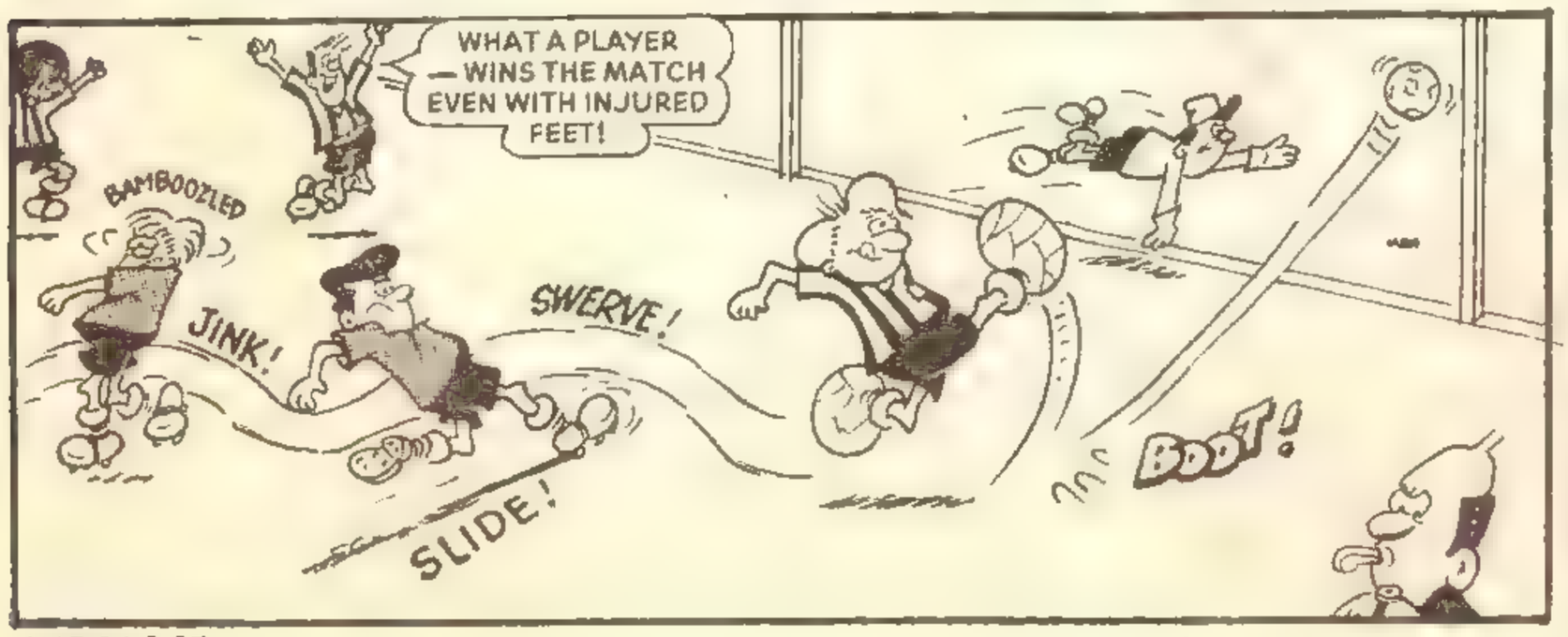

OOPS!
TRIP!
STUB!
PHEEP!
BBBEP!

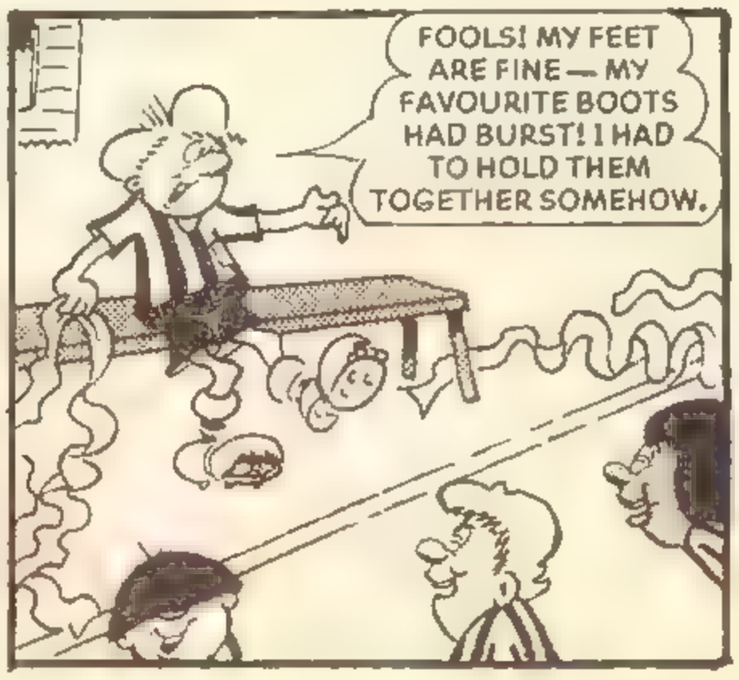
THAT WAS A TERRIBLE FOUL!
OOOOH!
B-BUT . . .


CAREFUL!
TO ME!
PASS!

I'LL PROTECT YOUR POOR FEET.
FOOL! THAT'S A FOUL!


Seconds to go—
SLICE!
OOPS!
I'LL HAVE TO SCORE NOW!


WHAT A PLAYER — WINS THE MATCH EVEN WITH INJURED FEET!
BAMBOOZLED
JINK!
SWERVE!
SLIDE!
BOOT!


FOOLS! MY FEET ARE FINE — MY FAVOURITE BOOTS HAD BURST! I HAD TO HOLD THEM TOGETHER SOMEHOW.

BALL BOY
After an evening match —
WOW! THAT WAS TIRING.
I'LL GO STRAIGHT TO BED.
YAWN
Soon —
ZZZZZ
But —
ZZZZ
THUD!
WHAT'S THAT?
THUD! THUD!
BAH! BALL BOY'S SLEEPWALKING.
IT'S WRONG TO WAKEN SLEEPWALKERS.
THUD!
I'LL JOIN IN TO KEEP HIM HAPPY.
MY BALL!
YOWL!
EH?
WH-WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPWALKING.
OH! I'LL GO BACK TO BED THEN.
NO, YOU WON'T!
I HAVEN'T TAKEN MY FOUL YET!
?
SLAM!

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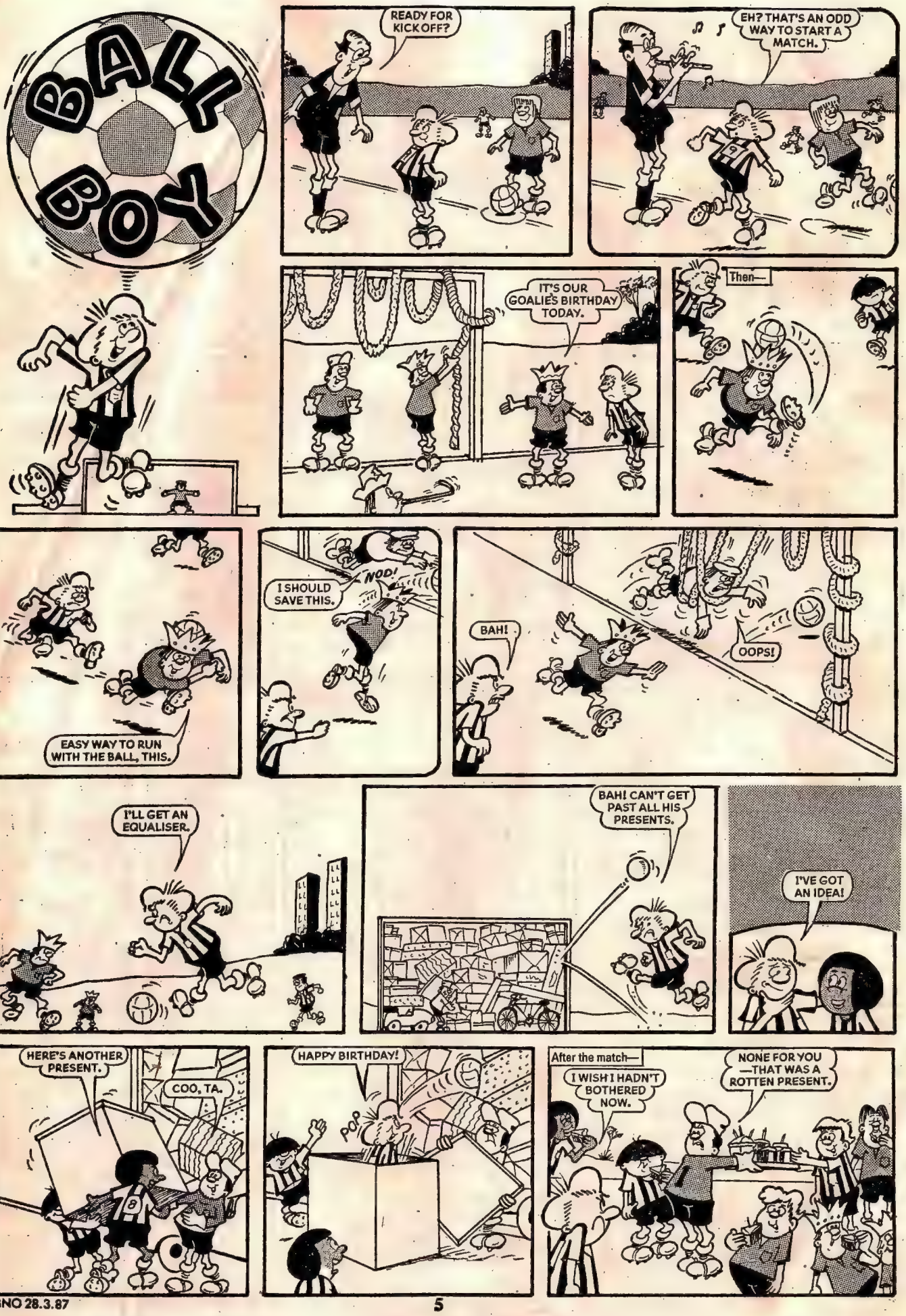

BALL BOY
READY FOR KICK OFF?
EH? THAT'S AN ODD WAY TO START A MATCH.
IT'S OUR GOALIE'S BIRTHDAY TODAY.
Then—
EASY WAY TO RUN WITH THE BALL, THIS.
I SHOULD SAVE THIS.
NOD!
BAH!
OOPS!
I'LL GET AN EQUALISER.
BAH! CAN'T GET PAST ALL HIS PRESENTS.
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
HERE'S ANOTHER PRESENT.
COO, TA.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
POP
After the match—
I WISH I HADN'T BOTHERED NOW.
NONE FOR YOU —THAT WAS A ROTTEN PRESENT.

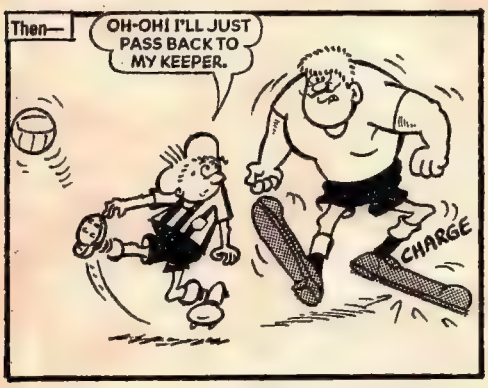
BALL BOY
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TEAM PHOTO BEFORE THE MATCH.
GOOD!
STAND UP, BENJY — YOU'RE THE SAME HEIGHT AS TITCH.
I AM STANDING UP.
WOW! MUDDY PITCH TODAY.
SINK!
OUT YOU COME.
KICK OFF TIME.
SUCK!
AHA! GLASSES!
ULP!
SLIDE!
I CAN'T SEE!
GRAB!
NOW THAT THE REF CAN'T SEE...
HOI!
...I CAN PICK UP THE BALL.
GOAL!
CHEAT!
THAT WAS A FOUL!
SORRY, B.B., DIDN'T SEE A THING.
I'LL NEED OUR SPONGE, TRAINER.
I CAN KEEP THE REF'S GLASSES CLEAN THIS WAY...
WIPE!
...AND I CAN HEAD IN HIGH BALLS.
GOAL!
BAH!

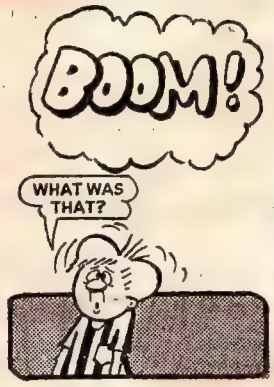
BALL BOY

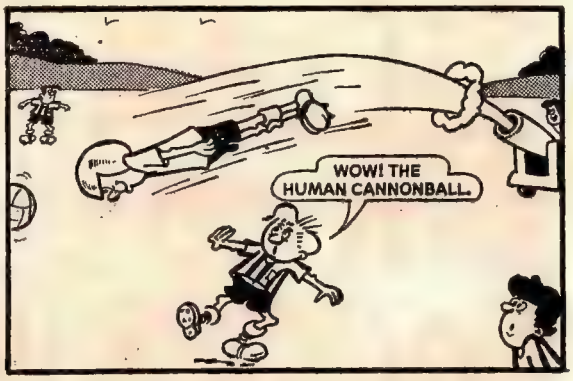
IT'LL BE A TOUGH MATCH TODAY — WE'RE PLAYING THE CIRCUS TEAM.

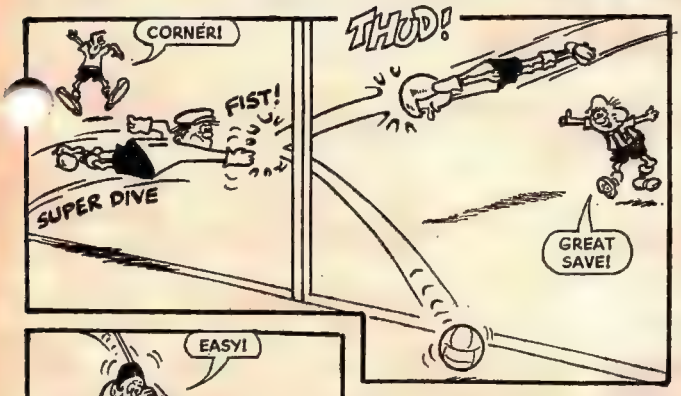
THAT IS THE INDIA RUBBER MAN.
BAMBOOZLED

PESKY CLOWN'S SHOES.
CRUNCH!

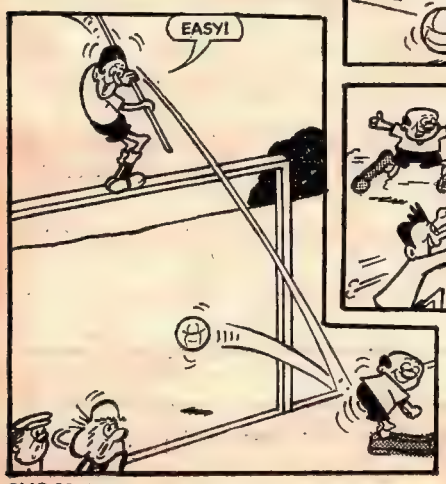

Then—
OH-OH! I'LL JUST PASS BACK TO MY KEEPER.
CHARGE


BOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT?


WOW! THE HUMAN CANNONBALL.

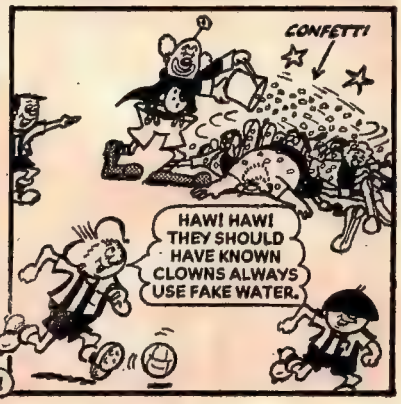

CORNER!
FIST!
SUPER DIVE
THUD!
GREAT SAVE!

The corner is taken—
TOO HIGH! NO-ONE WILL GET THAT.

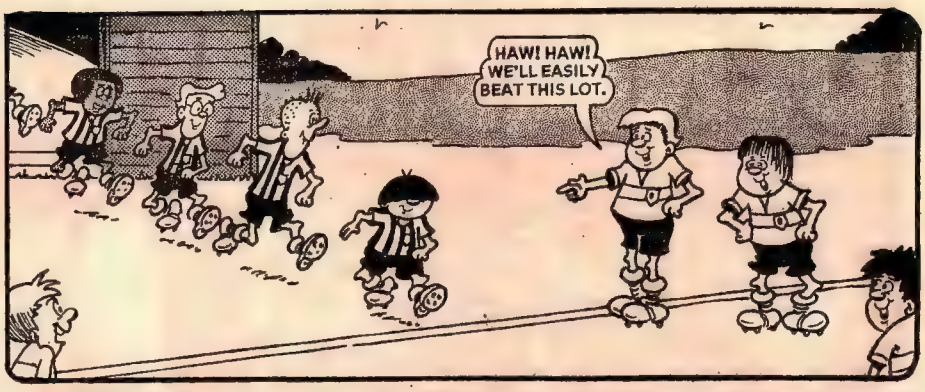

EASY!

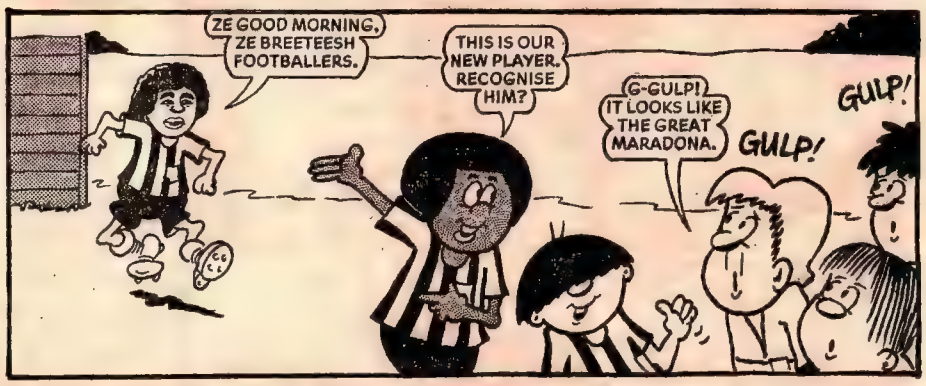
WE SCORED!

SMASH!
TRAINER! YOU'RE NEEDED!


CONFETTI
HAW! HAW! THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN CLOWNS ALWAYS USE FAKE WATER.

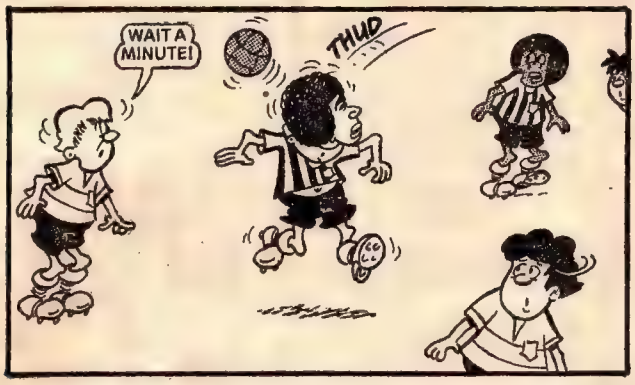
BALL BOY


HAW! HAW! WE'LL EASILY BEAT THIS LOT.


ZE GOOD MORNING, ZE BREETEESH FOOTBALLERS.
THIS IS OUR NEW PLAYER. RECOGNISE HIM?
G-GULP! IT LOOKS LIKE THE GREAT MARADONA.
GULP!
GULP!

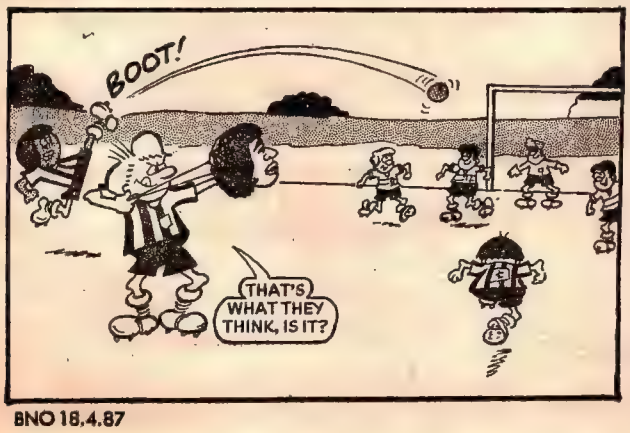
KICK OFF
WE DON'T HAVE A HOPE.
TAP!

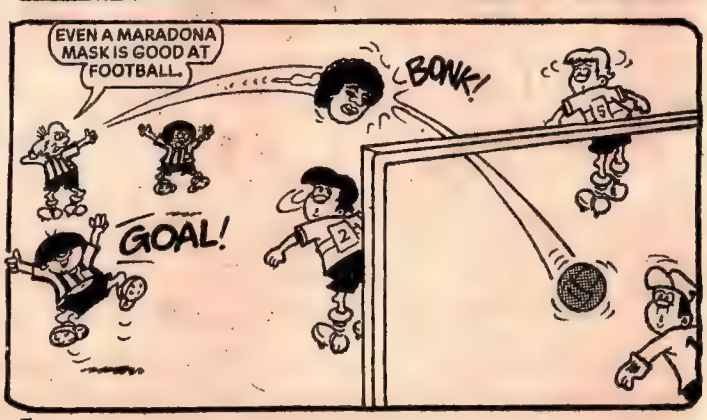
NOW YOU WEEL WATCH ME SCORE.
PASS
OOER! I WON'T EVEN BOTHER TO TACKLE.

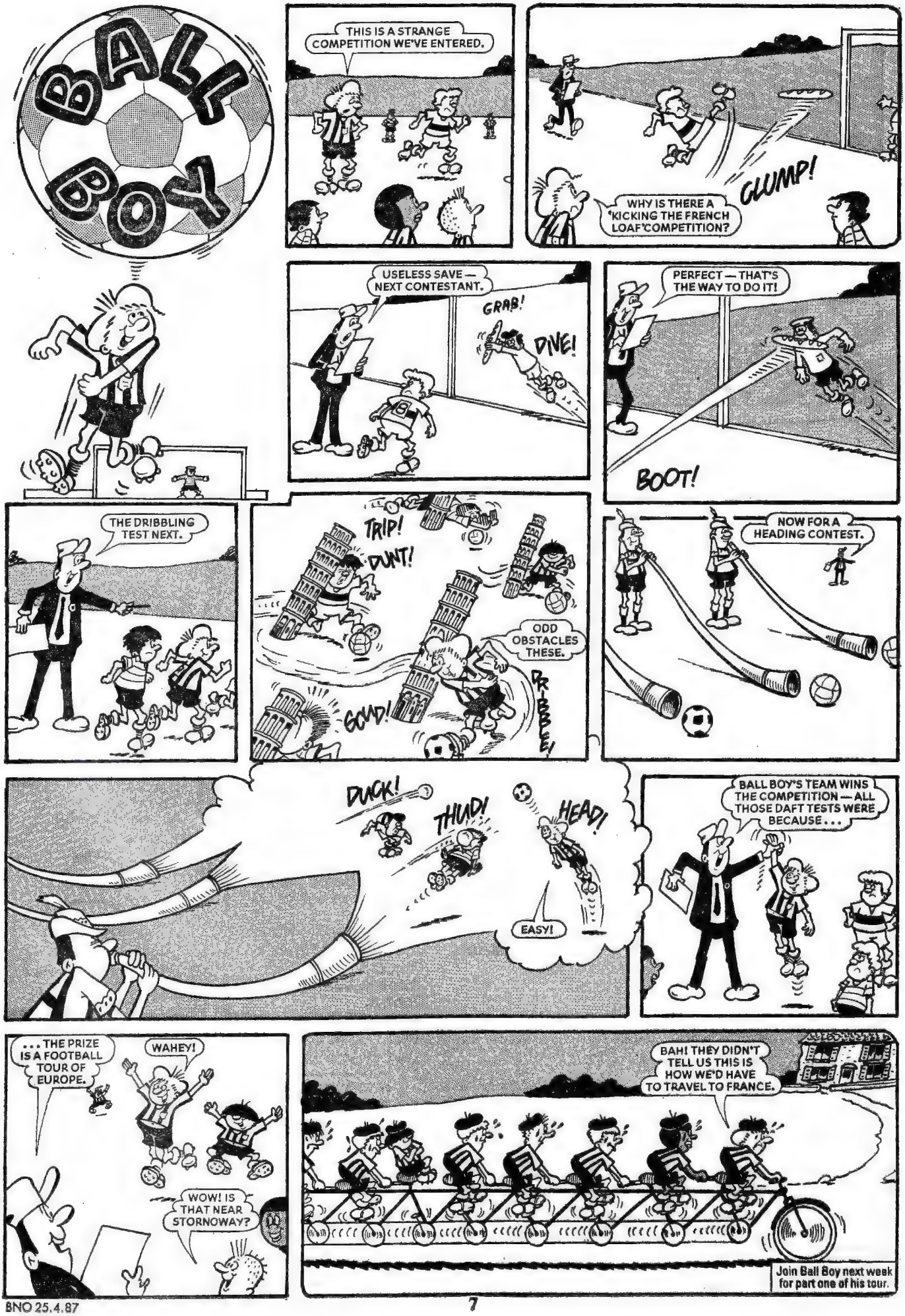

WAIT A MINUTE!
THUD

A MASK! THIS ISN'T MARADONA!

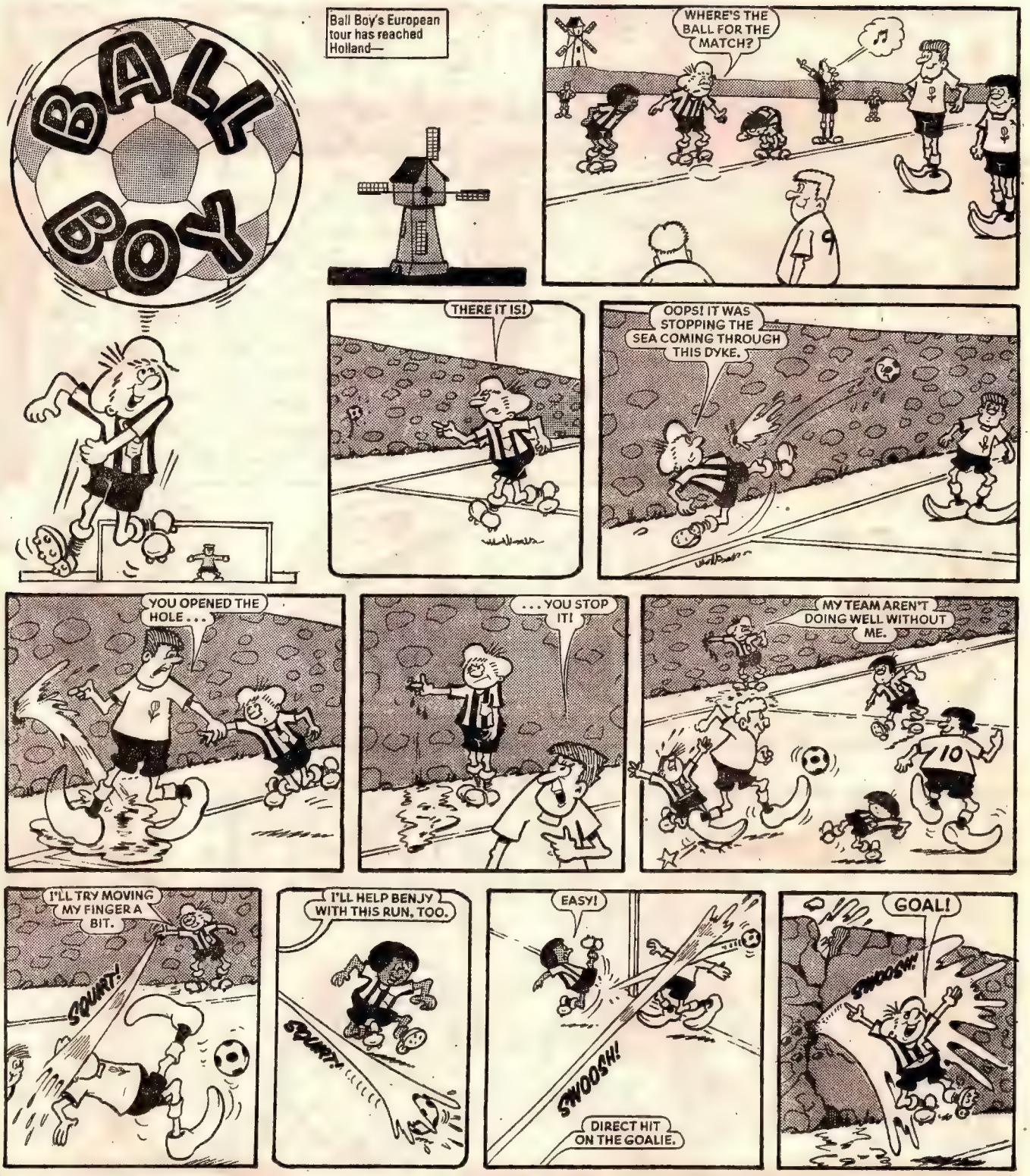
WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR.


BOOT!
THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK, IS IT?


EVEN A MARADONA MASK IS GOOD AT FOOTBALL.
BONK!
GOAL!


BALL BOY
THIS IS A STRANGE COMPETITION WE'VE ENTERED.
WHY IS THERE A 'KICKING THE FRENCH LOAF' COMPETITION?
GLUMP!
USELESS SAVE — NEXT CONTESTANT.
GRAB!
DIVE!
PERFECT — THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!
BOOT!
THE DRIBBLING TEST NEXT.
TRIP!
DUNT!
ODD OBSTACLES THESE.
GOND!
DRIBBLE!
NOW FOR A HEADING CONTEST.
DUCK!
THUD!
HEAD!
EASY!
BALL BOY'S TEAM WINS THE COMPETITION — ALL THOSE DAFT TESTS WERE BECAUSE . . .
. . . THE PRIZE IS A FOOTBALL TOUR OF EUROPE.
WAHEY!
WOW! IS THAT NEAR STORNOWAY?
BAH! THEY DIDN'T TELL US THIS IS HOW WE'D HAVE TO TRAVEL TO FRANCE.
Join Ball Boy next week for part one of his tour.

BALL BOY
Ballboy's team are on tour in France—
PHEEP!
EASY TO TELL WHICH TEAM IS FRENCH, EH?
GOODNESS MOI! IT HAS GONE DARK SUDDENLY.
THIS'LL BE EASY.
Half time—
TIME FOR HALF TIME ORANGES.
FIVE
FROGS LEGS, MONSEWER?
YUCK! NO!
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THEM . . .
NOD!
NOD!
NOD!
BOOMPH!
IT'S PUT BOUNCE IN THEIR LEGS.
WE'LL STILL WIN, THOUGH.
THE GOALIE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP BOUNCING.
BOK!
WE SHOULD PUT PLENTY PAST HIM NOW.
Many goals later—
THAT'S IT ALL OVER NOW, EH?
WAITER.
WE NEED SNAILS TO EAT NOW . . .
. . . SO WE CAN CRAWL INTO OUR SHELLS AND HIDE OUR SHAME.
SPORTS BAG.
ODD FOLK, FOREIGNERS!


BALL BOY
Ball Boy's European tour has reached Holland—
WHERE'S THE BALL FOR THE MATCH?
THERE IT IS!
OOPS! IT WAS STOPPING THE SEA COMING THROUGH THIS DYKE.
YOU OPENED THE HOLE . . .
. . . YOU STOP IT!
MY TEAM AREN'T DOING WELL WITHOUT ME.
I'LL TRY MOVING MY FINGER A BIT.
SQUIRT!
I'LL HELP BENJY WITH THIS RUN, TOO.
SQUIRT!
EASY!
SWOOSH!
DIRECT HIT ON THE GOALIE.
GOAL!
SWOOSH!
OOPS! SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
WE CAN WIN NOW, HANS.
YA! HANS DOWN!
FLOAT
HMM! NOW I KNOW WHY THE DUTCH WEAR CLOGS.
FLOAT
FLOAT
TICH
Next week Ball Boy's team are in Italy—

BNO 9.5.87

BALL BOY
Ball Boy's tour of Europe has reached Italy —
ODD TOWERS THEY HAVE HERE IN PISA.
FAT PLAYERS, TOO!
THIS SHOULD GO IN THE TOP CORNER.
BOOMPH!
BAH! THE GOALS LEAN AS MUCH AS THE TOWER.
HALF TIME
AH! TIME FOR HALF-TIME ORANGES.
SPAGHETTI! NO WONDER THEIR TEAM IS SO FAT!
DIFFICULT STUFF TO EAT, TOO.
WAH! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PLAY TANGLED UP LIKE THIS.
UNLESS . . .
PULL!
GOAL!
SPIN!
SPIN!
THIS PISA PLACE IS VERY ODD . . .
GROO! I'M DIZZY.
DIZZY!
. . . EVEN BENJY IS LEANING LIKE THE TOWER, NOW.

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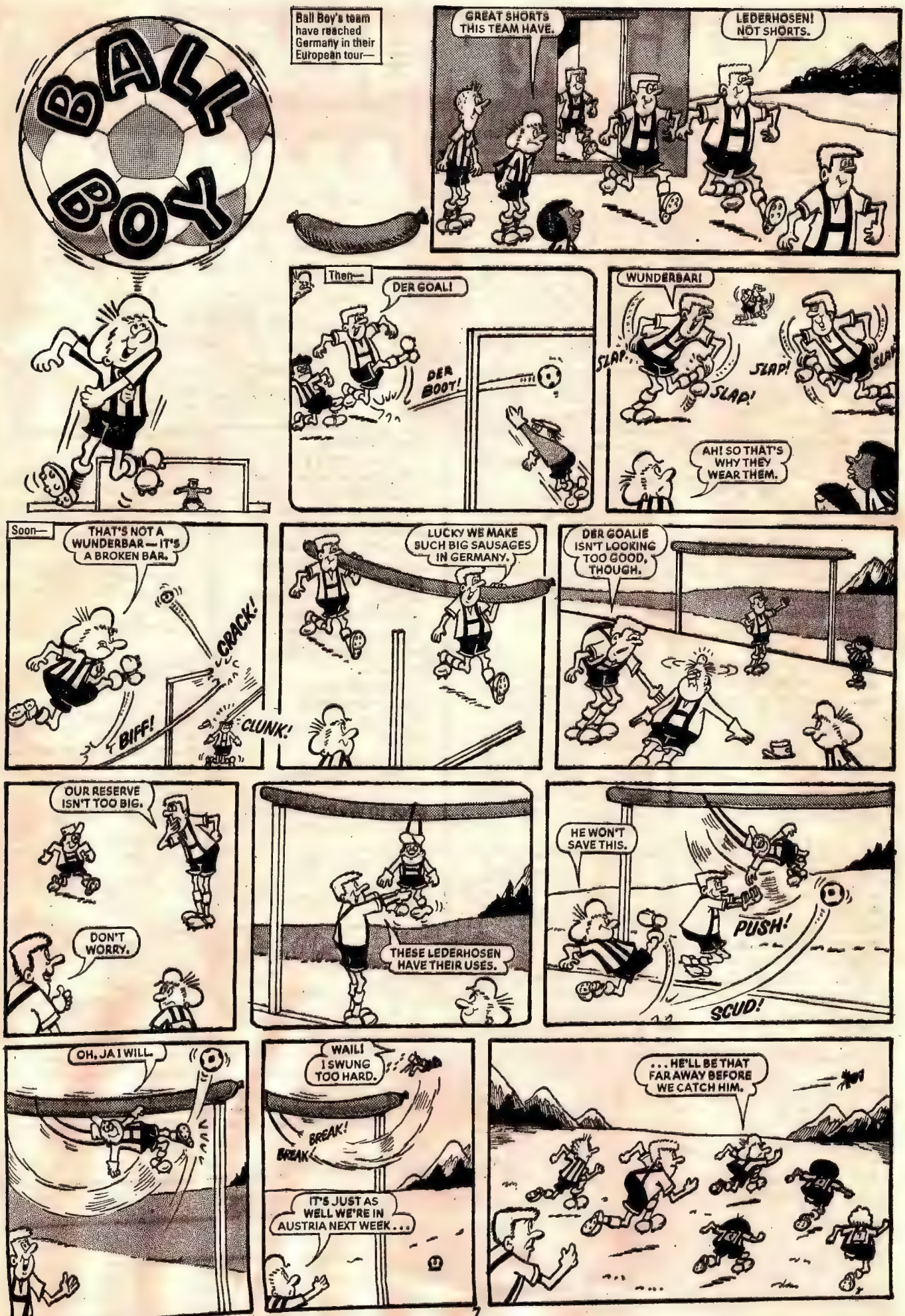
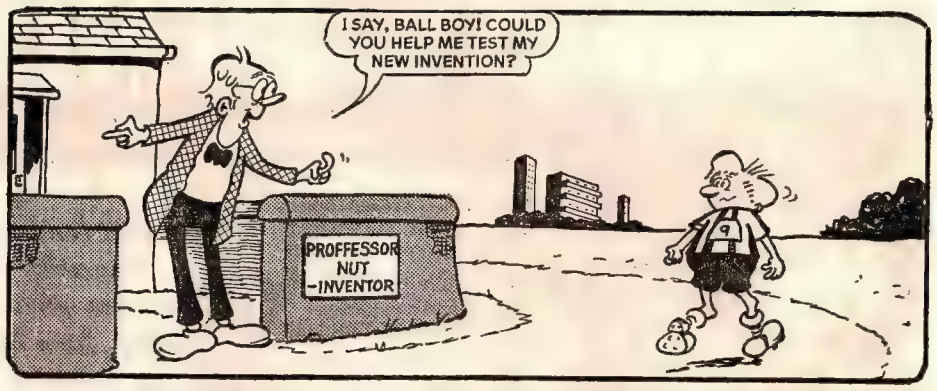

BALL BOY
Ball Boy's team have reached Germany in their European tour—
GREAT SHORTS THIS TEAM HAVE.
LEDERHOSEN! NOT SHORTS.
Then—
DER GOAL!
DER BOOT!
WUNDERBAR!
SLAP!
SLAP!
SLAP!
AH! SO THAT'S WHY THEY WEAR THEM.
Soon—
THAT'S NOT A WUNDERBAR — IT'S A BROKEN BAR.
CRACK!
BIFF!
CLUNK!
LUCKY WE MAKE SUCH BIG SAUSAGES IN GERMANY.
DER GOALIE ISN'T LOOKING TOO GOOD, THOUGH.
OUR RESERVE ISN'T TOO BIG.
DON'T WORRY.
THESE LEDERHOSEN HAVE THEIR USES.
HE WON'T SAVE THIS.
PUSH!
SCUD!
OH, JA I WILL.
WAIL! I SWUNG TOO HARD.
BREAK!
BREAK!
IT'S JUST AS WELL WE'RE IN AUSTRIA NEXT WEEK...
...HE'LL BE THAT FAR AWAY BEFORE WE CATCH HIM.

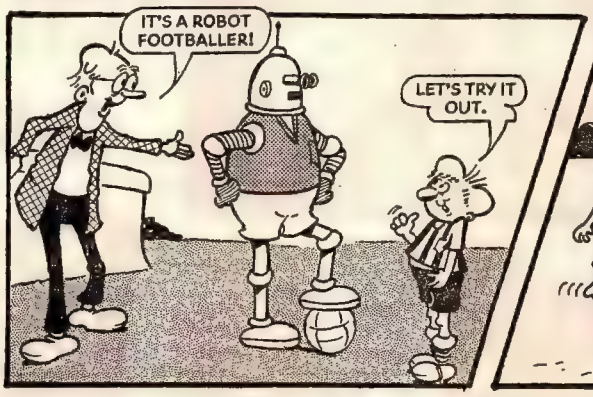
BNO 23.5.87

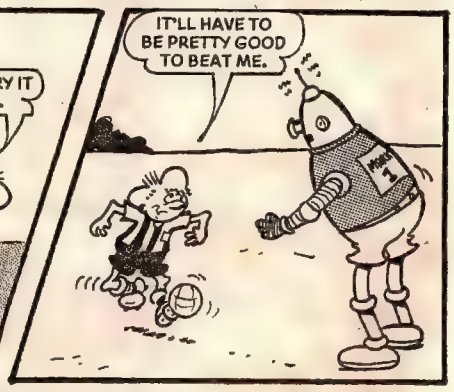
BALL BOY
Ball Boy's tour of Europe has reached Austria.
COO! WHAT A STEEP PITCH!
SLIDE!
AND WHAT TALL GOALS, REF.
THEY'RE OK — THE BAR'S LEVEL WITH THE ONE AT THE OTHER END.
BUT THE GROUND ISN'T!
Kick off—
WAH! THAT'S CHEATING.
SWISH!
SWISH!
DER GOAL!
LET'S CLIMB UP AND SCORE BEFORE THEY GET BACK.
YOU FORGOT ABOUT OUR SKI LIFT.
THUMP
YIPPEE!
GREAT! NOW WE (PLAY) DOWNHILL.
HALF TIME
OOPS! BENJY SHOUTED TOO LOUDLY.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE!
HE'S CAUSED AN AVALANCHE.
RUMBLE!
GOAL! WE WENT THROUGH THE POSTS.
WE MAY AS WELL CARRY ON . . .
RUMBLE
. . . THE AIRPORT WE'RE GOING HOME FROM IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL.
AIRPORT

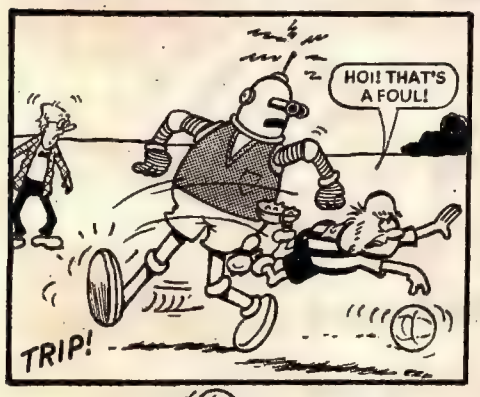
BALL BOY
Ball Boy's tour is over—
PASSENGERS FOR FLIGHT 123 TO BEANOTOWN GET ON THE PLANE —YOU'RE LATE!
AIRPORT
BOO! IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.
LOOK IT'S BALL BOY'S TEAM.
WOW! IT'S THE MUDCHESTER UNITED TEAM!
NEVER FLY WITHOUT A BEANO
LET'S HAVE A GAME.
AFTER IT, TEAM!
BOOT!
RUSH!
HOI! THE PLANE SHOULDN'T BE POINTING THIS WAY.
WAH! THEY'RE OVER-BALANCING THE PLANE!
FOUL!
TILT!
HANDBALL!
FOUL!
OFFSIDE!
PENALTY!
DROP!
LUCKY I HAVE THIS WHISTLE.
BLAST!
THE GAME'S OVER.
JUST AS WELL WE'VE ARRIVED IN BRITAIN . . .
. . . YOU CAN ALWAYS BE SURE OF AN AFTER-MATCH SHOWER!

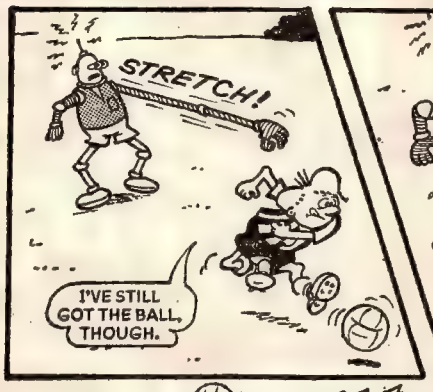
BALL BOY

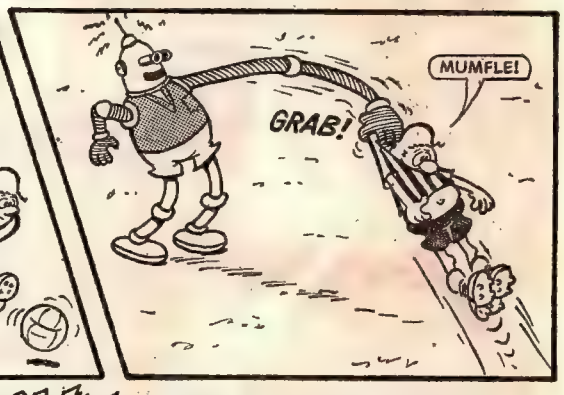

I SAY, BALL BOY! COULD YOU HELP ME TEST MY NEW INVENTION?
PROFFESSOR NUT -INVENTOR


IT'S A ROBOT FOOTBALLER!
LET'S TRY IT OUT.

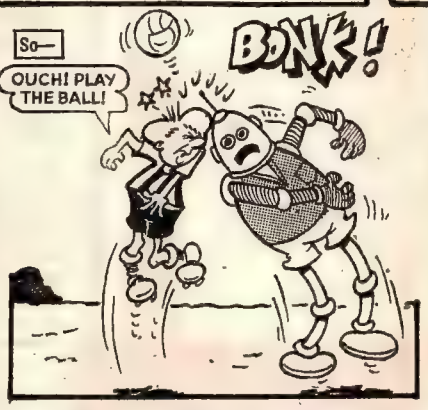

IT'LL HAVE TO BE PRETTY GOOD TO BEAT ME.

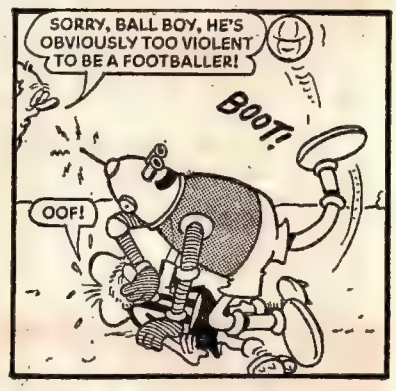

HOI! THAT'S A FOUL!
TRIP!

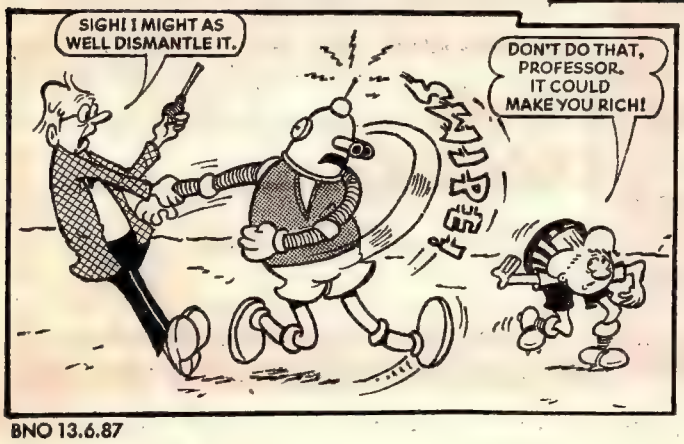

STRETCH!
I'VE STILL GOT THE BALL, THOUGH.

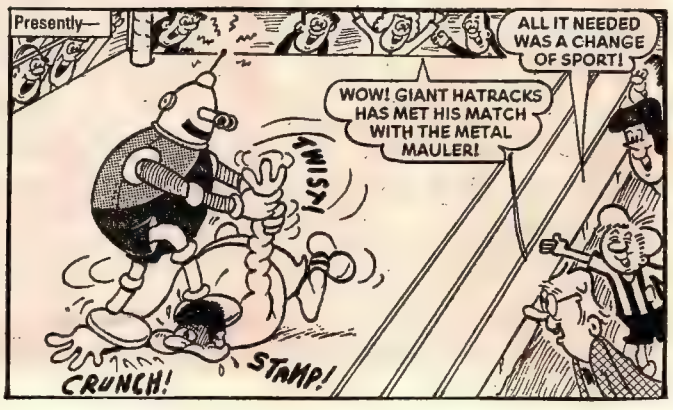

MUMFLE!
GRAB!

SILLY KICK! I'LL BEAT HIM IN THE AIR!
BOOT!


So—
OUCH! PLAY THE BALL!
BONK!


SORRY, BALL BOY, HE'S OBVIOUSLY TOO VIOLENT TO BE A FOOTBALLER!
BOOT!
OOF!


SIGH! I MIGHT AS WELL DISMANTLE IT.
DON'T DO THAT, PROFESSOR. IT COULD MAKE YOU RICH!
SPLAT!


Presently—
WOW! GIANT HATRACKS HAS MET HIS MATCH WITH THE METAL MAULER!
ALL IT NEEDED WAS A CHANGE OF SPORT!
WHISK!
CRUNCH!
STAMP!

BNO 13.6.87

BALL BOY

THIS BALL'S A BIT FLAT.

BUT I'LL STILL MANAGE TO SCORE WITH IT.

OOPS! IT'S EVEN FLATTER THAN I THOUGHT.

HOI! YOU CAN'T KEEP THE BALL LIKE THAT.

I'LL GET IT OFF MYSELF.

DID IT!

OOPS! LOST MY BALANCE!

STAY THERE!

GOAL!

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MY GOAL, BALL BOY?

RUBBISH!

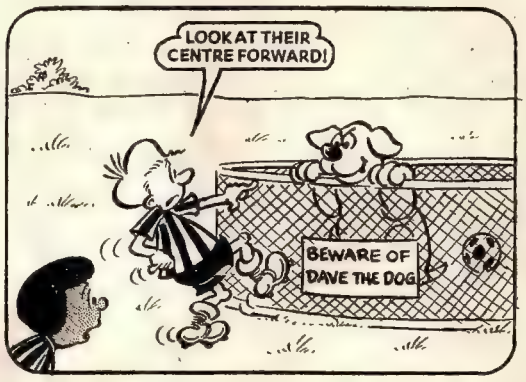
BALL BOY
I'LL PUT THE BALL THROUGH HIS LEGS.
OOPS! NO WAY I CAN GET ROUND.
I'LL JUST FOLLOW THE BALL.
LUCKY I'M A GOOD HORSE RIDER.
YEEHAR, HORSEY!
WE'LL GO TOWARDS YOUR GOAL.
AH! A DEFENSIVE WALL!
OVER IT, HORSEY!
GOAL!
PHEEP!
GOOD! HALF-TIME — I NEED SOMETHING TO REVIVE ME.
HOLD ON.
EH?
THAT'S WHAT HORSES EAT FROM!
GLUMP!

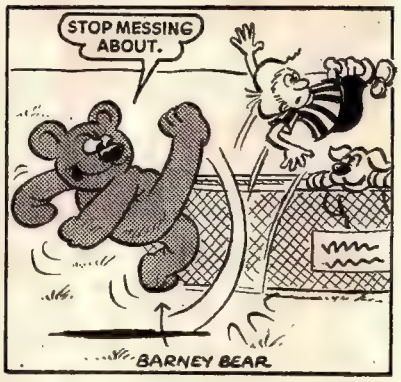
BALL BOY
WAHEY! A REALLY HARD KICK.
OOPS!
THAT WAS THE LAST OF OUR BALLS, BALLBOY.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
I KNOW!
MIND IF I BORROW SOME?
A POM-POM BALL.
GOOD, EH?
HOPELESS — IT HARDLY MOVED.
NICE AND SOFT TO LAND ON.
WE'LL HAVE TO BUY A NEW BALL.
BUT BALLBOY WILL JUST BURST IT.
NO, HE WON'T — HE'S DROPPED FROM THE TEAM.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT — THERE'S NO MORE PLAYERS.
THERE IS — YOUR POM-POMS GAVE US A GOOD IDEA.
HMPH!

BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM MADE UP BY ONE OF OUR READERS THIS WEEK — KEVIN COOPER OF WALLASEY.

YOU TAKE THE KICK OFF, BALL BOY.
NO WAY!


LOOK AT THEIR CENTRE FORWARD!
BEWARE OF DAVE THE DOG


STOP MESSING ABOUT.
BARNEY BEAR

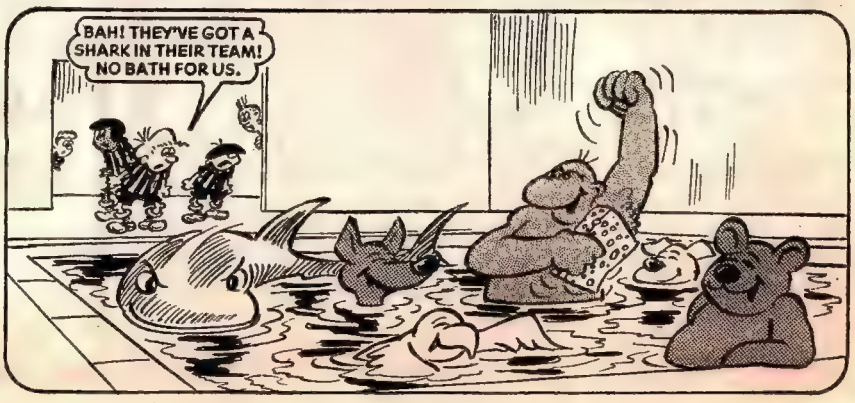
OVER HERE, B.B.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE BENJY.

BAH! IT WAS A PARROT IMITATING HIS VOICE.
PETE

OUR GOALIE WILL SAVE THAT EASILY.

I WOULD IF GUS WOULD LET ME UP.

Many goals later—
AH WELL — WE NEED A BATH AFTER THAT THRASHING.


BAH! THEY'VE GOT A SHARK IN THEIR TEAM! NO BATH FOR US.

BALL BOY
OH-OH! HERE COMES A DEFENDER.
ZUNK!
HUH! THIS IS NO WAY TO PLAY FOOTBALL.
Then—
CLICK!
NO—WE DON'T WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU.
T.V VIEW
BAH! I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED YET.
AHA! THE CAT WILL GIVE ME A GAME.
HOI! MY WOOL!
YOU'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH, MOGGY.
BUT I'M BRAINY.
FOUL!
CAN'T BE —THERE'S NO REF.
NO REF, EH?
BONK!
THAT'LL BE THE CAT THROWING THINGS AT ME AGAIN.
NOT OFTEN YOU SEE A REF THAT ANGRY ABOUT A FOUL.

BNO 18.7.87

BALL BOY
I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG...
HOWL! MY BALL'S BURST! WAAA!
AW, DON'T BAWL, BALL BOY.
HISS!
THERE, THERE. PUT IT UNDER YOUR PILLOW AND THE BALL FAIRY WILL REPLACE IT.
SNIFF! SNIFF!
SO, later—
THIS IS WHERE I'VE TO COME I KNOW, SO, HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO.
I'LL BOOT THE BALL FROM UNDER HIS HEAD, AH, THERE'S THE BURST BALL ON THE BED.
BOOT!
IT ISN'T BURST, YOU SILLY THING, ALL IT NEEDS IS INFLATING.
PUMP! PUMP!
WHEN IT'S BLOWN UP IT WILL BE DANDY. THESE MAGIC WANDS SURE ARE HANDY.
TO TEST IT B.B. MUST BE AWAKE. I'LL GIVE THE LAD A LITTLE SHAKE.
SHAKE! SHAKE!
HELLO, TOOTH FAIRY, MY LITTLE DEAR. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO TEST A BALL. I'VE COME TO WATCH — THAT'S ALL.
NOW B.B. AND I WILL START TO PLAY, TO PROVE THIS BALL IS QUITE OKAY.
COME ON, B.B. HEAD THIS LOB, OOPS — I'VE HIT HIM IN THE GOB!
BOOT!
GLOOP!
I'M ALWAYS NEEDED WHEN YOU VISIT, HONEY, AND IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO COST ME MONEY!
TEETH

BALL BOY
I'LL NEED THESE DARK GLASSES TONIGHT!
DARK GLASSES? BUT IT'S A NIGHT GAME YOU'RE PLAYING!
Reader's voice —
Here's the reason —
WAH! BALL BOY'S NEW TEAM STRIP IS DAZZLING!
HO-HO! WHITER THAN WHITE!
Soon —
OOH! I CAN'T SEE A THING WITH THESE ON!
FIRST CHANCE OF THE GAME TO SCORE.
IT'S A GOAL!
BONK!
OOF!
TAP!
THIS ISN'T FAIR!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE STRIPS, B.B.! THEY'RE FAR TOO BRIGHT.
THIS SHOULD HELP!
SPLUP!
SPLAT!
HO!! STOP!
SPLAP!
SPLAT!
SPLOP!
WEEP!
WAH! OUR NICE NEW STRIPS!
SOB!
HOWL!
SPLAT!
SPLASH!
WAHEY! THE TEARS CLEANED OFF THE MUD!
HUH!
HUMPH!
HUH! NO GAME GOING ON DOWN THERE! THEY'RE JUST MESSING AROUND!
So —
OFF WITH THE LIGHTS — I'M GOING HOME.
FLOODLIGHTS — WHO NEEDS THEM! HA-HA-HA!

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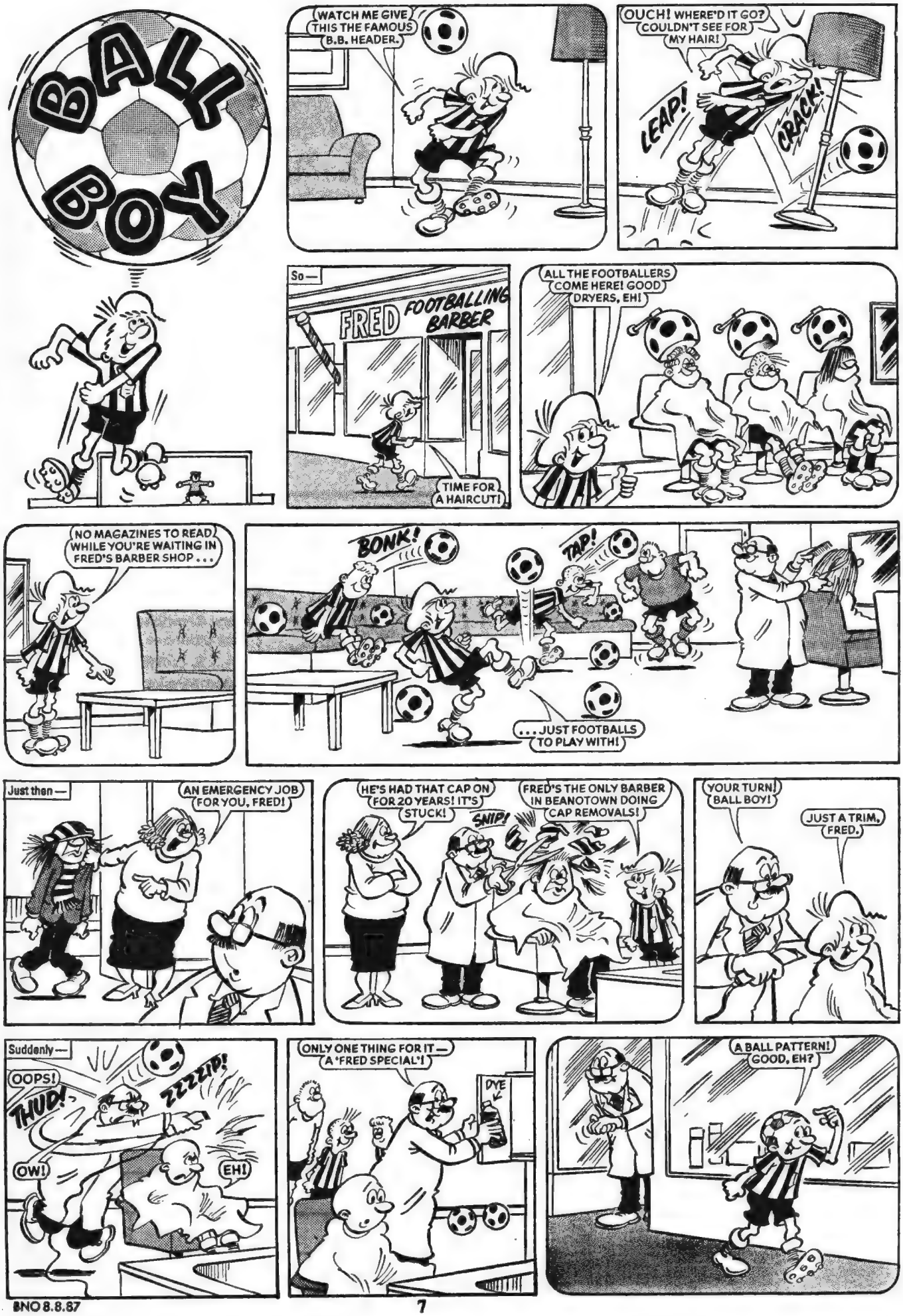
BALL BOY
WATCH ME GIVE THIS THE FAMOUS B.B. HEADER.
OUCH! WHERE'D IT GO? COULDN'T SEE FOR MY HAIR!
LEAP!
CRACK!
So—
FRED FOOTBALLING BARBER
TIME FOR A HAIRCUT!
ALL THE FOOTBALLERS COME HERE! GOOD DRYERS, EH!
NO MAGAZINES TO READ WHILE YOU'RE WAITING IN FRED'S BARBER SHOP...
BONK!
TAP!
...JUST FOOTBALLS TO PLAY WITH!
Just then—
AN EMERGENCY JOB FOR YOU, FRED!
HE'S HAD THAT CAP ON FOR 20 YEARS! IT'S STUCK!
SNIP!
FRED'S THE ONLY BARBER IN BEANOTOWN DOING CAP REMOVALS!
YOUR TURN! BALL BOY!
JUST A TRIM, FRED.
Suddenly—
OOPS!
THUD!
ZZZZIP!
OW!
EH!
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT— A 'FRED SPECIAL'!
DYE
A BALL PATTERN! GOOD, EH?

BALL BOY
WE HAVE TO PLAY ON STILTS DURING THE SUMMER.
BOUNCE
THE BALL BOUNCES SO HIGH ON THE HARD GROUND.
BOUNCE
BAH! I HATE SUMMER.
SO DO WE!
THIS POND IS OUR ICE HOCKEY PITCH IN WINTER.
WE'LL GIVE YOU A GAME NOW TO CHEER YOU UP.
So—
I'LL THROW THIS IN TO START THE GAME.
←TICH
PLUP
IT'S EASIER TO SEE WHEN THE WATER'S FROZEN.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO HIT AND HOPE.
←TICH
SWIPE
SWIPE
SWIPE
I'M GETTING OUT—THIS IS DANGEROUS.
SWIPE
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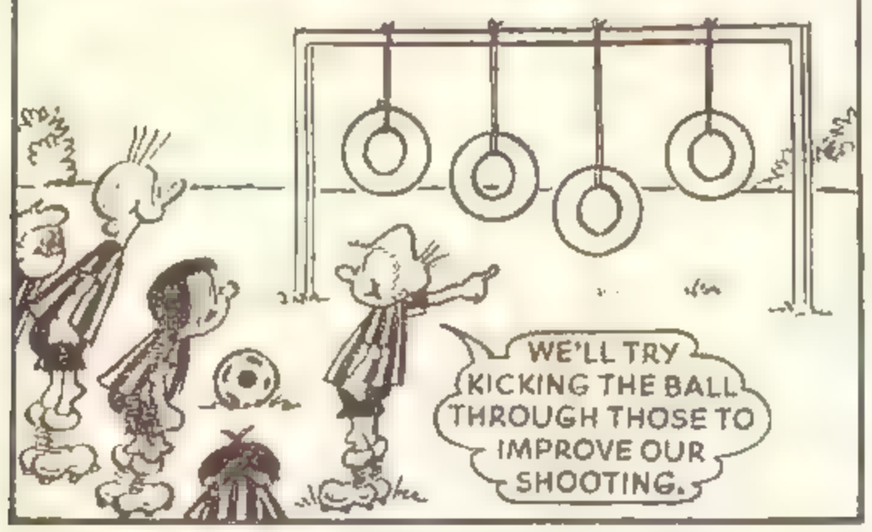
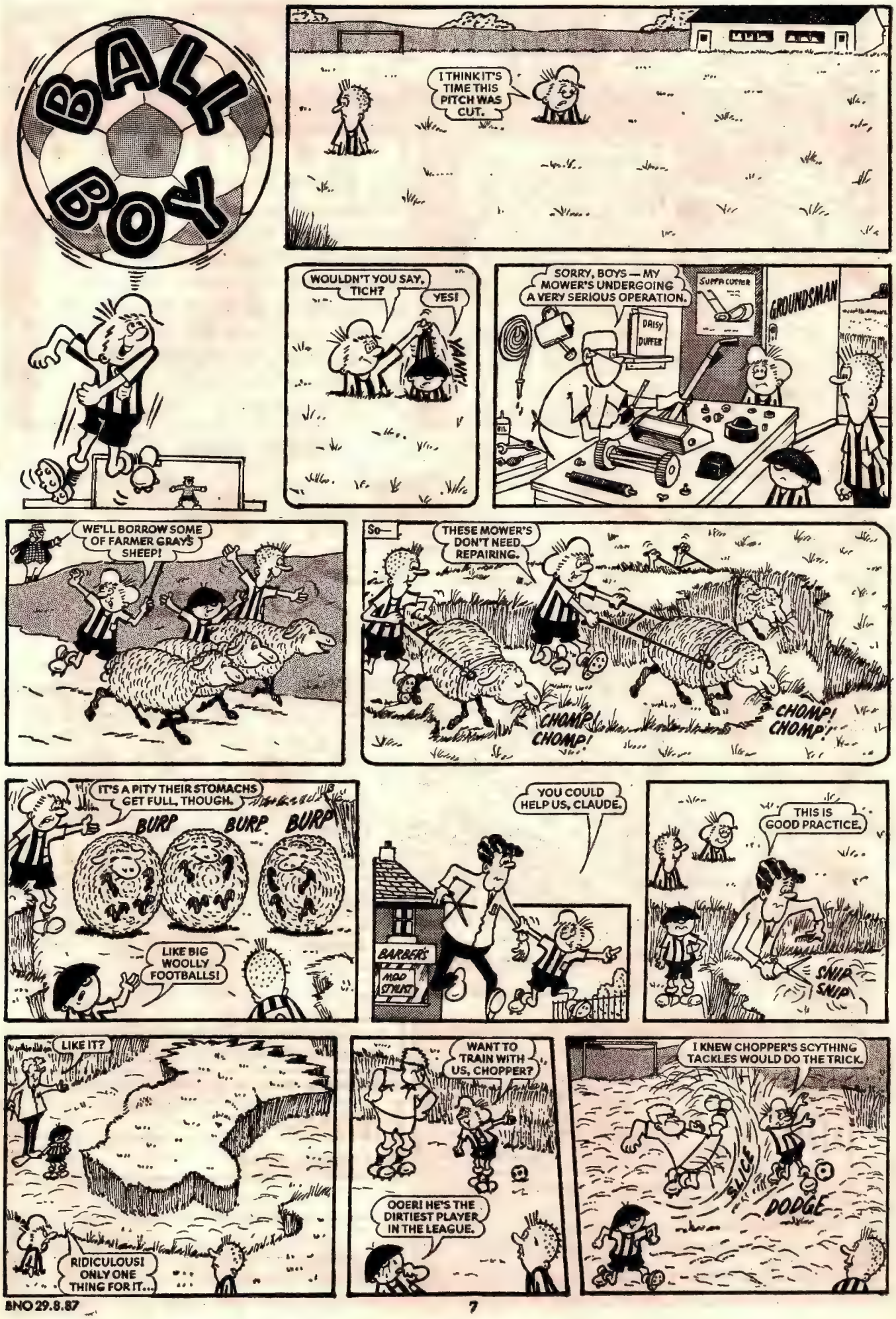
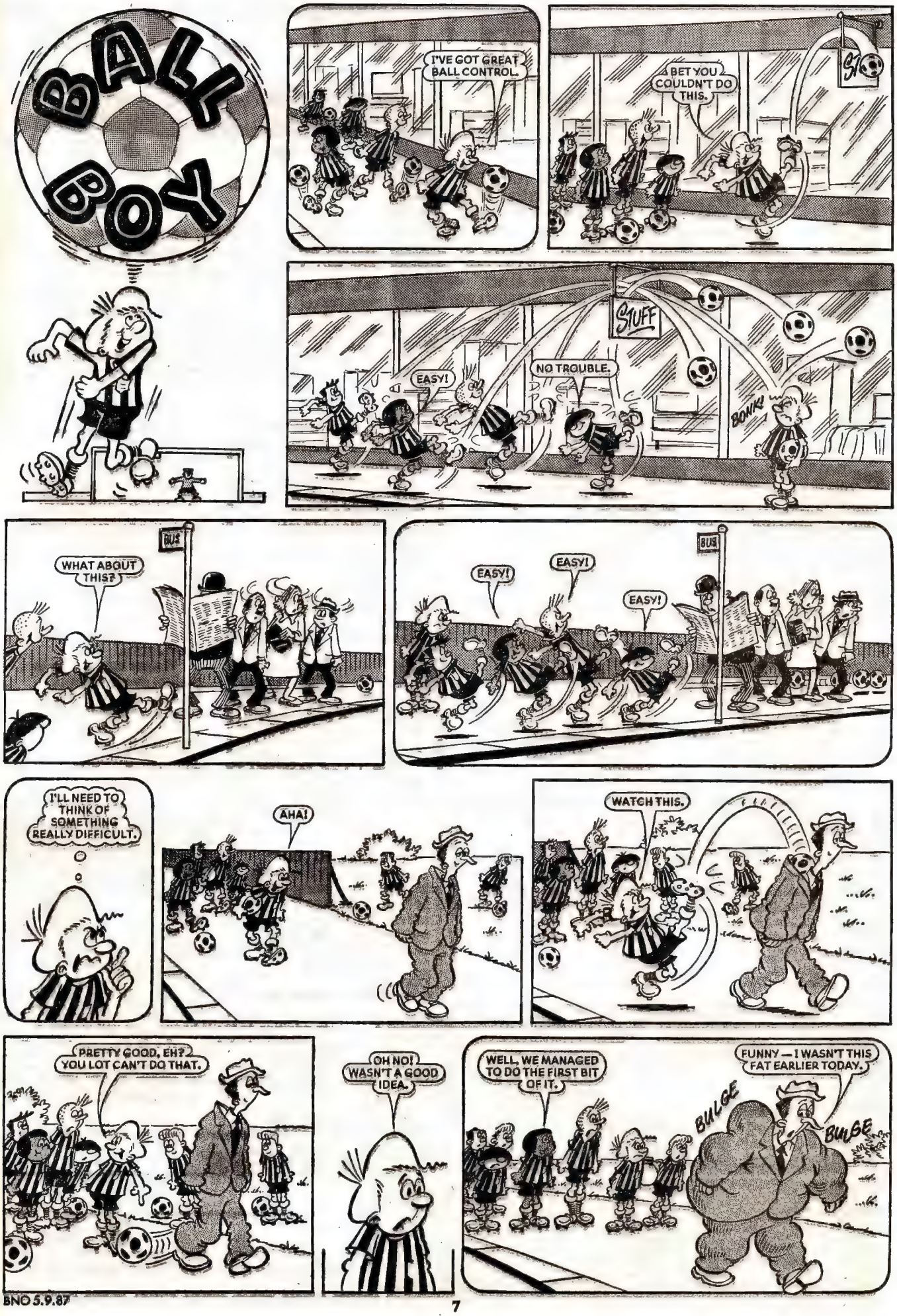
SWIPE
MIND YOU—ALL THIS WATER THEY'RE SPLASHING ABOUT...
...HAS MADE OUR PITCH NICE AND MUDDY AGAIN.
SLIDE

BALL-BOY



EVER THOUGHT WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF KIDS RAN THE COUNTRY? NO? WELL — IT HAPPENED! AND KING DENNIS, AIDED BY HIS TRUSTY HOUND, GNASHER, ARE ON THE THRONE! DON'T MISS THEIR ROYAL ANTICS IN..


BALL BOY
I THINK IT'S TIME THIS PITCH WAS CUT.
WOULDN'T YOU SAY, TICH?
YES!
YANK!
SORRY, BOYS — MY MOWER'S UNDERGOING A VERY SERIOUS OPERATION.
SUPPA CUTTER
DAISY DUFFER
GROUNDSMAN
WE'LL BORROW SOME OF FARMER GRAY'S SHEEP!
So—
THESE MOWER'S DON'T NEED REPAIRING.
CHOMP! CHOMP!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
IT'S A PITY THEIR STOMACHS GET FULL, THOUGH.
BURP
BURP
BURP
LIKE BIG WOOLLY FOOTBALLS!
YOU COULD HELP US, CLAUDE.
BARBER'S
MOD STREET
THIS IS GOOD PRACTICE.
SNIP SNIP
LIKE IT?
RIDICULOUS! ONLY ONE THING FOR IT...
WANT TO TRAIN WITH US, CHOPPER?
OOER! HE'S THE DIRTIEST PLAYER IN THE LEAGUE.
I KNEW CHOPPER'S SCYTHING TACKLES WOULD DO THE TRICK.
SLICE
DODGE


BALL BOY
I'VE GOT GREAT BALL CONTROL.
BET YOU COULDN'T DO THIS.
STUFF
EASY!
NO TROUBLE.
BONK!
BUS
WHAT ABOUT THIS?
EASY!
EASY!
EASY!
BUS
I'LL NEED TO THINK OF SOMETHING REALLY DIFFICULT.
AHA!
WATCH THIS.
PRETTY GOOD, EH? YOU LOT CAN'T DO THAT.
OH NO! WASN'T A GOOD IDEA.
WELL, WE MANAGED TO DO THE FIRST BIT OF IT.
FUNNY — I WASN'T THIS FAT EARLIER TODAY.
BULGE
BULGE

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BALL BOY
IT'S DINNERTIME!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
COMING!
I'M WINNING.
DID IT — I BEAT MY BALL!
FLUMP!
NO FOOTBALL AT THE TABLE.
SOUPER SHOT.
PLOP!
Soon —
POLITE SLIRP!
!?
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SLOORP!
BUMP! BUMP! BUMP!
NO FOOTBALL UNDERNEATH THE TABLE EITHER.
THAT'S THE BALL LOCKED AWAY, JUST TO MAKE SURE.
I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE.
WHY?
THAT UNHAPPY FACE IS MAKING ME SICK.
AH, WELL, IF HE'S GOT TO PLAY FOOTBALL . . .
. . . HE MIGHT AS WELL BE USEFUL.
TAP!
PASS A POTATO, BALLBOY.
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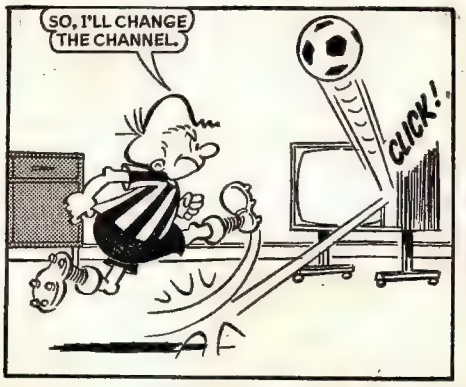
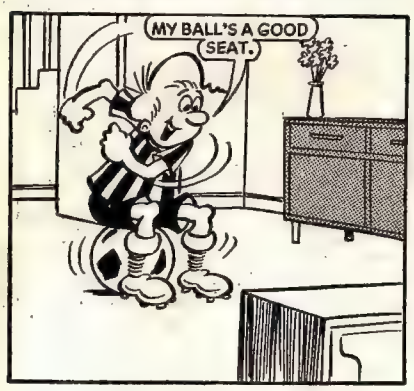
BALL BOY

A VERY HANDY THING IS A FOOTBALL.

YUCK! I HATE THAT SHOW.

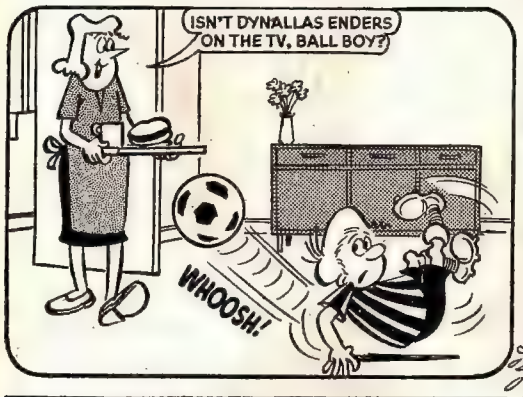

SO, I'LL CHANGE THE CHANNEL.
CLICK!

GREAT! FOOTBALL!

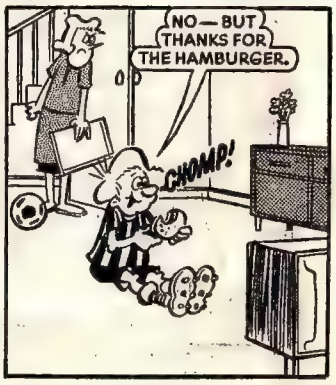

MY BALL'S A GOOD SEAT.

GOAL!

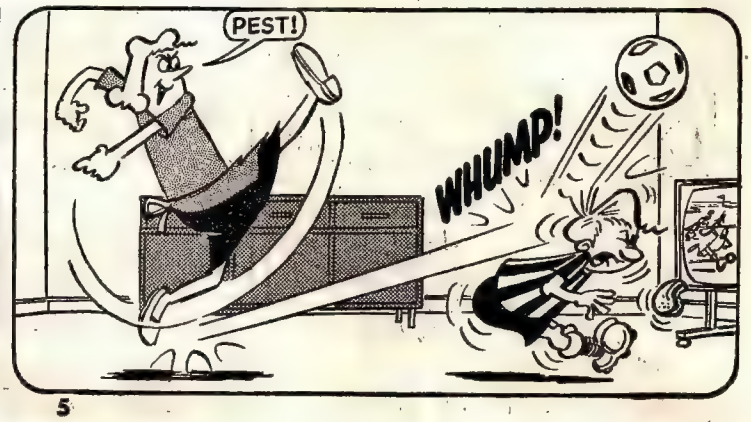
BOING!


ISN'T DYNALLAS ENDERS ON THE TV, BALL BOY?
WHOOSH!

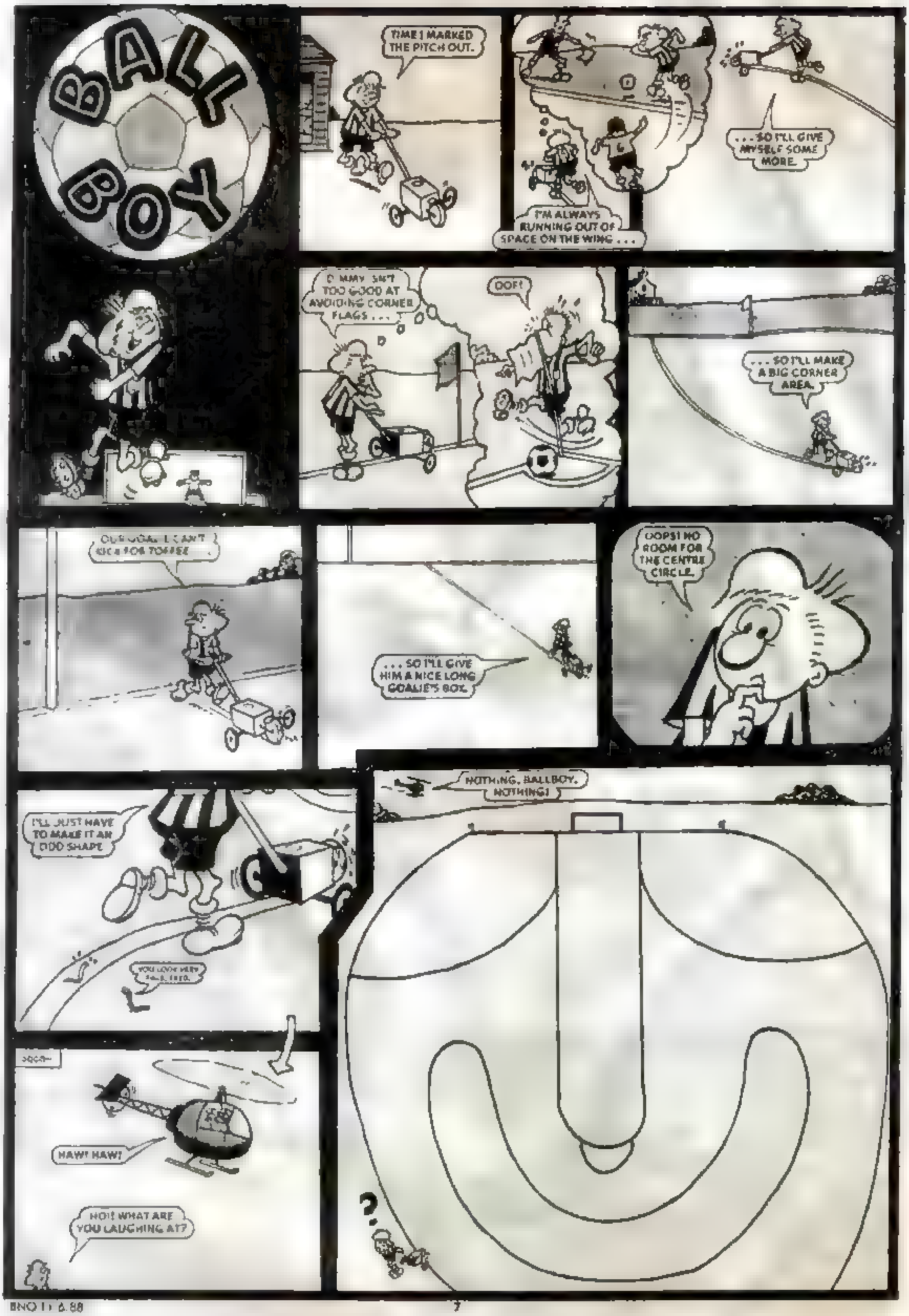
CRASH!

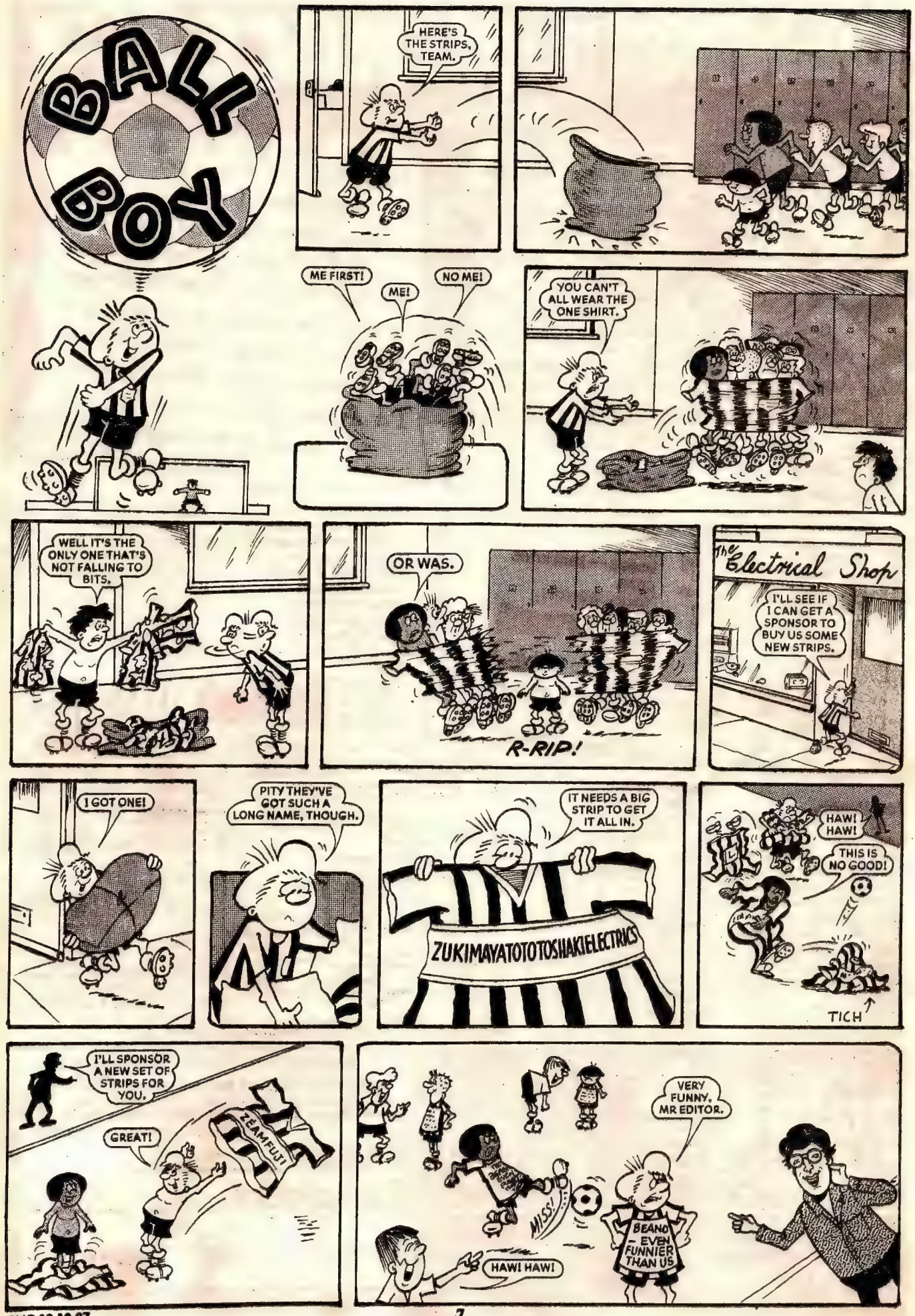

NO — BUT THANKS FOR THE HAMBURGER.
CHOMP!

BALL BOY'S RIGHT — A FOOTBALL IS A USEFUL THING.


PEST!
WHUMP!

Are YOU entering the great GOBOT competition in this week's TOPPER?


BALL BOY
TIME I MARKED THE PITCH OUT.
I'M ALWAYS RUNNING OUT OF SPACE ON THE WING . . .
. . . SO I'LL GIVE MYSELF SOME MORE.
I MAY SN'T TOO GOOD AT AVOIDING CORNER FLAGS . . .
DOF!
. . . SO I'LL MAKE A BIG CORNER AREA.
. . . SO I'LL GIVE HIM A NICE LONG GOALIE'S BOX.
OOPS! NO ROOM FOR THE CENTRE CIRCLE.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT AN ODD SHAPE
NOTHING, BALLBOY. NOTHING!
HAW! HAW!
HOI! WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?


BALL BOY
HERE'S THE STRIPS, TEAM.
ME FIRST!
ME!
NO ME!
YOU CAN'T ALL WEAR THE ONE SHIRT.
WELL IT'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S NOT FALLING TO BITS.
OR WAS.
R-RIP!
The Electrical Shop
I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET A SPONSOR TO BUY US SOME NEW STRIPS.
I GOT ONE!
PITY THEY'VE GOT SUCH A LONG NAME, THOUGH.
IT NEEDS A BIG STRIP TO GET IT ALL IN.
ZUKIMAYATOTOTOSHAKIELECTRICS
HAW! HAW!
THIS IS NO GOOD!
TICH
I'LL SPONSOR A NEW SET OF STRIPS FOR YOU.
GREAT!
ZEAMFUS!
VERY FUNNY, MR EDITOR.
MISS!
BEANO – EVEN FUNNIER THAN US
HAW! HAW!

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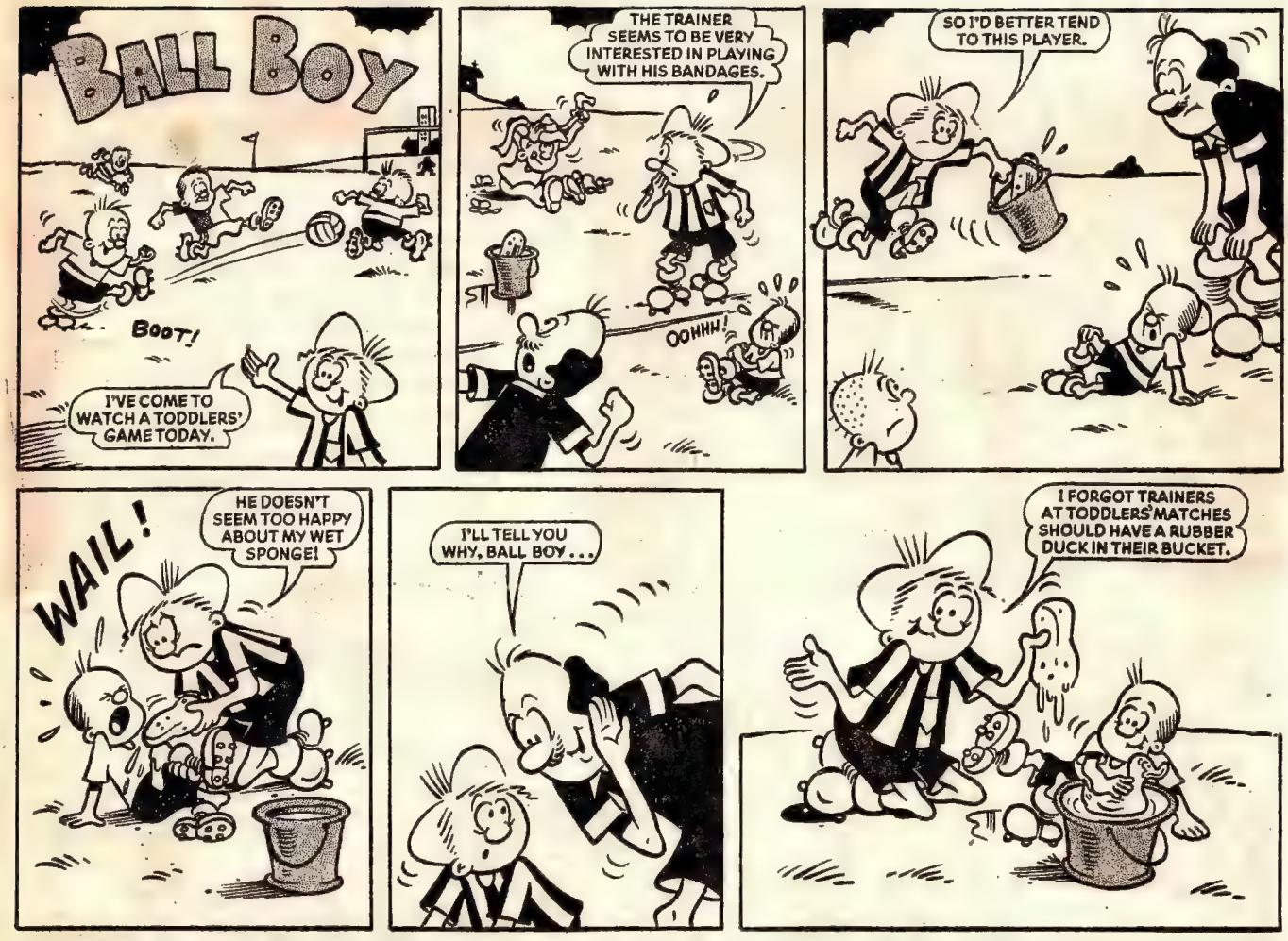

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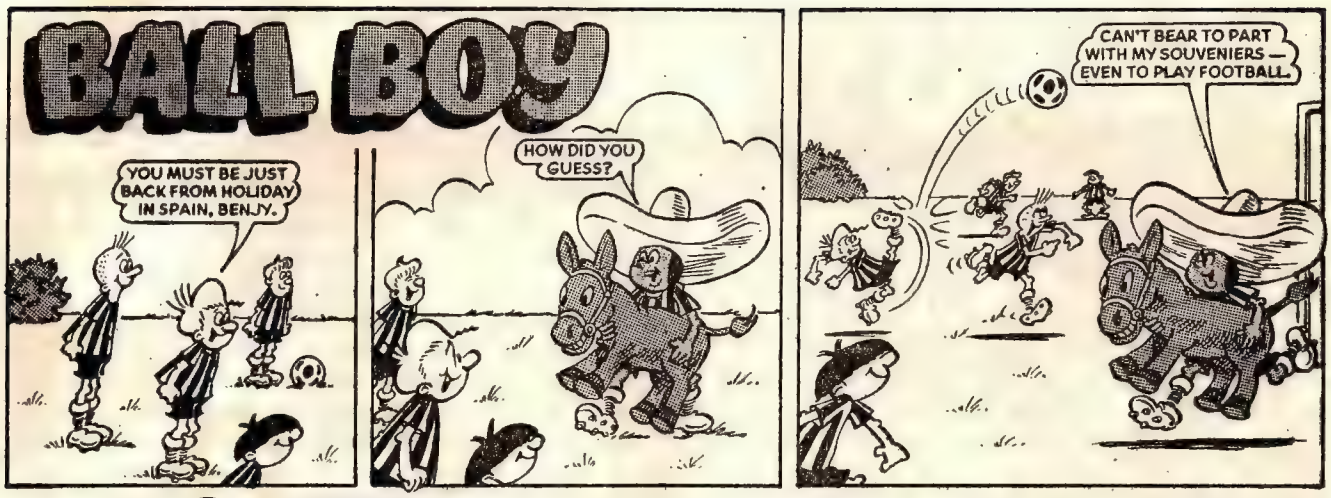

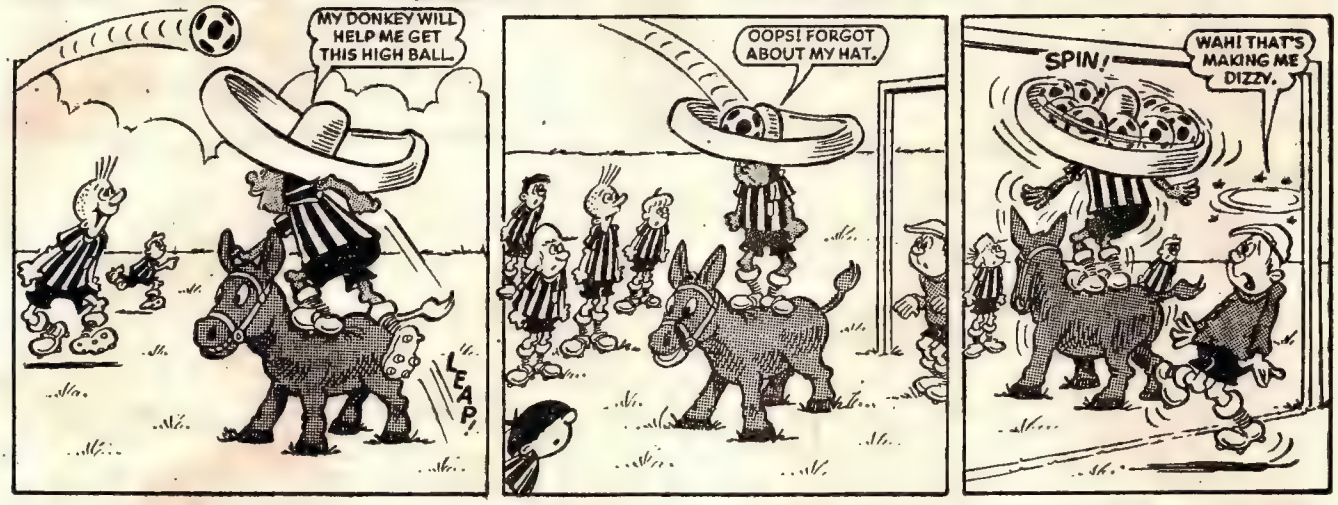

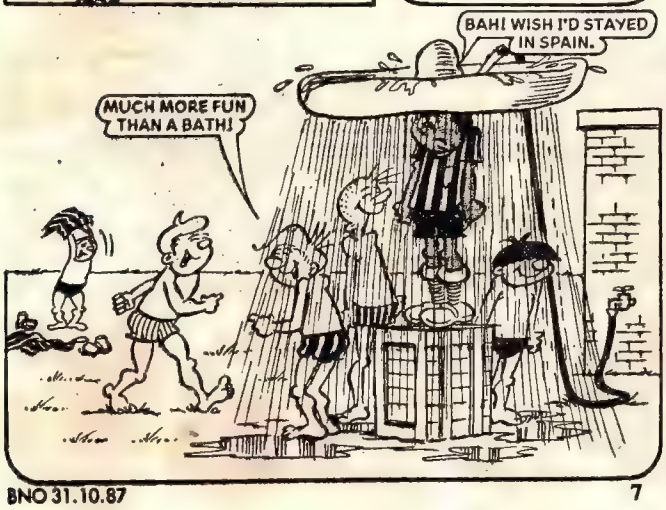

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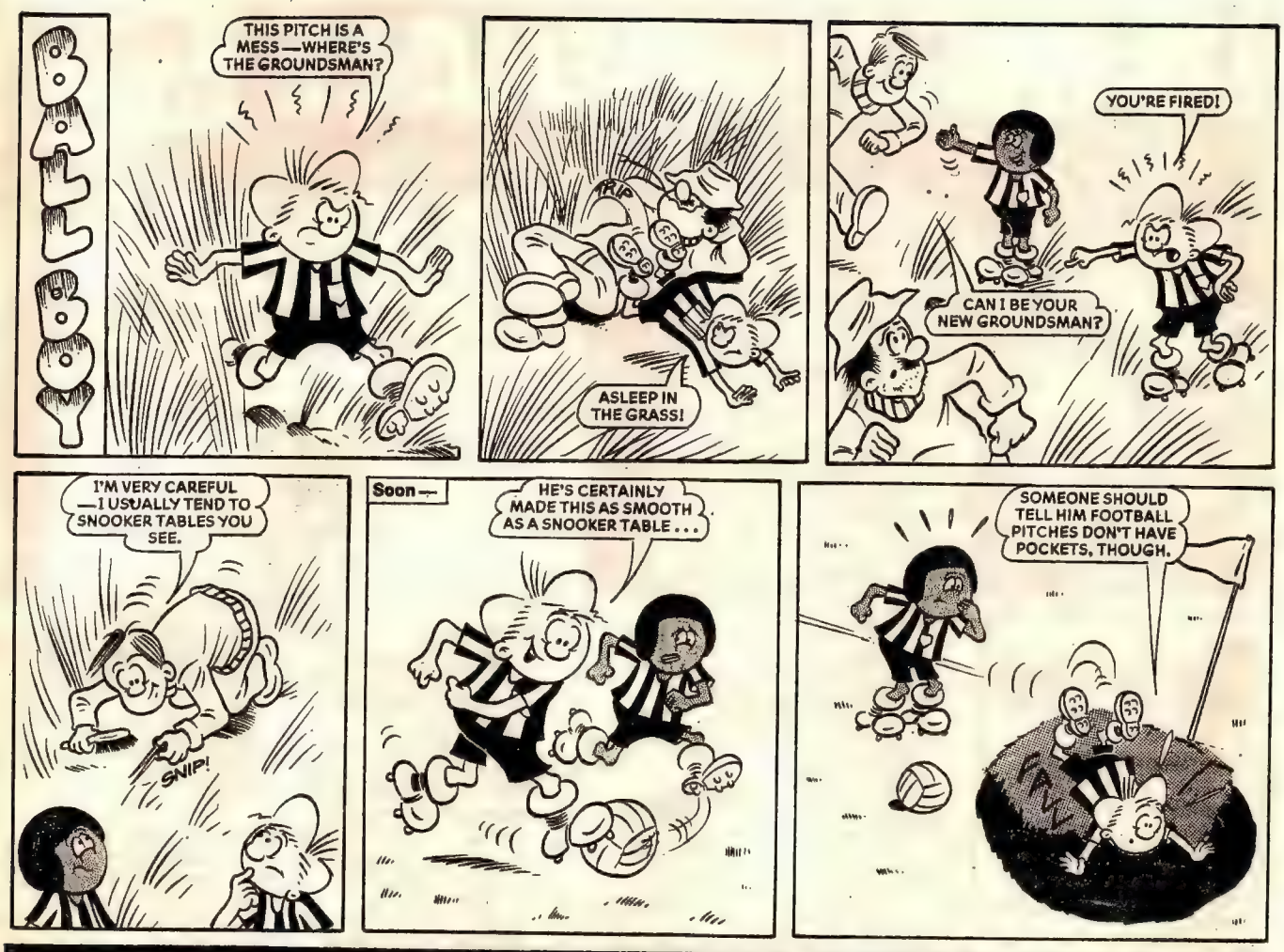

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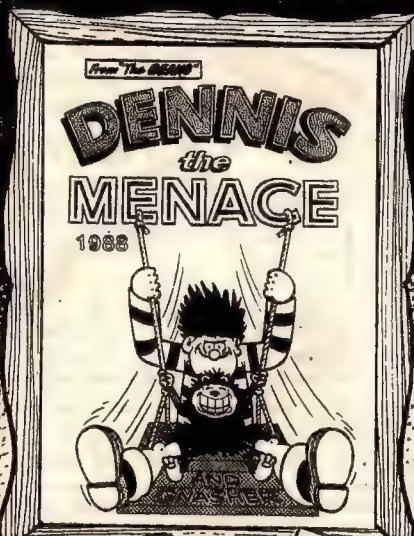

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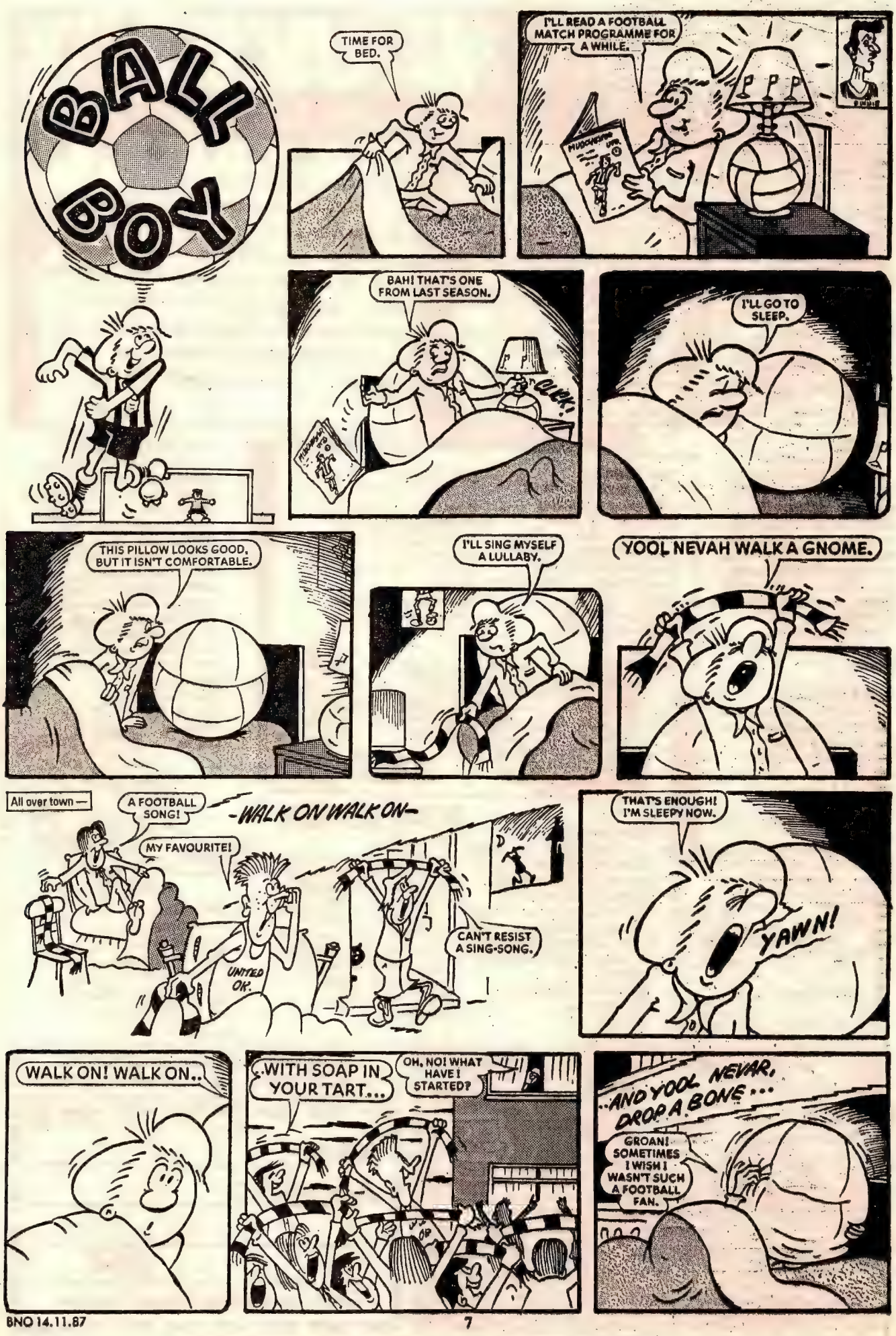
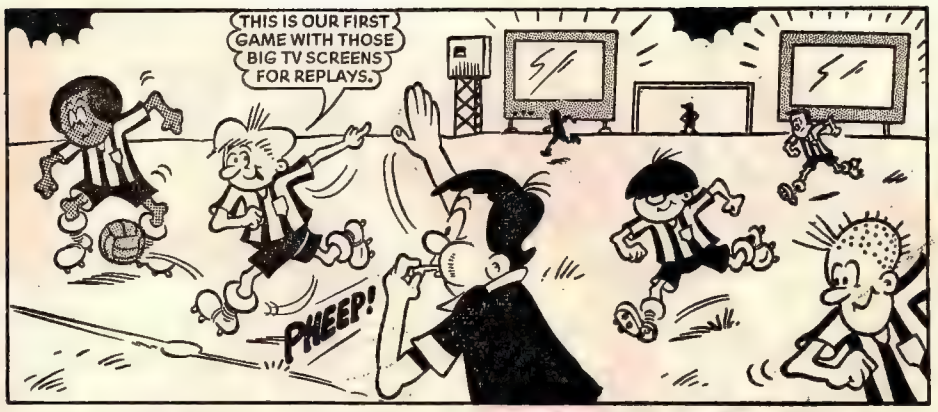
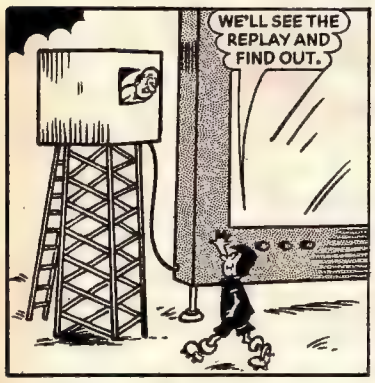

BALL BOY
TIME FOR BED.
I'LL READ A FOOTBALL MATCH PROGRAMME FOR A WHILE.
BAH! THAT'S ONE FROM LAST SEASON.
I'LL GO TO SLEEP.
THIS PILLOW LOOKS GOOD, BUT IT ISN'T COMFORTABLE.
I'LL SING MYSELF A LULLABY.
YOOL NEVAH WALK A GNOME.
All over town —
A FOOTBALL SONG!
-WALK ON WALK ON-
MY FAVOURITE!
UNITED OK.
CAN'T RESIST A SING-SONG.
THAT'S ENOUGH! I'M SLEEPY NOW.
YAWN!
WALK ON! WALK ON..
..WITH SOAP IN YOUR TART...
OH, NO! WHAT HAVE I STARTED?
..AND YOOL NEVAR DROP A BONE...
GROAN! SOMETIMES I WISH I WASN'T SUCH A FOOTBALL FAN.

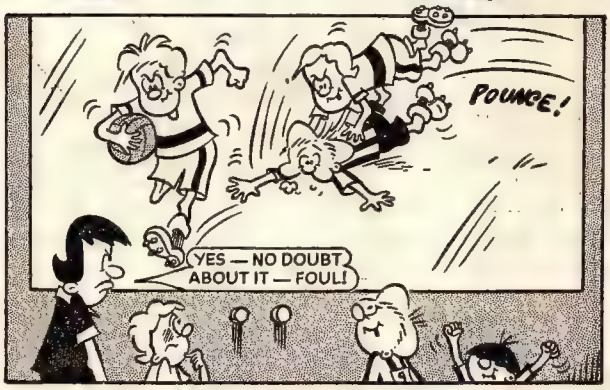
BALL BOY


THIS IS OUR FIRST GAME WITH THOSE BIG TV SCREENS FOR REPLAYS.
PHEEP!

Soon —
FOUL!
PHEEP!

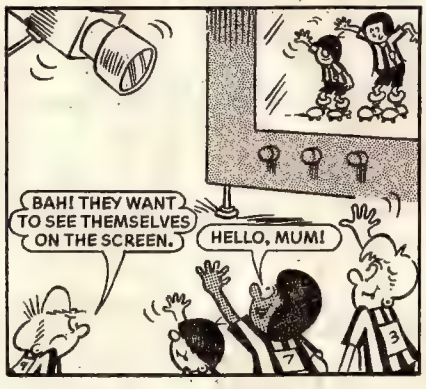
HOI! REF! THAT WASN'T A FOUL, HONEST.


WE'LL SEE THE REPLAY AND FIND OUT.

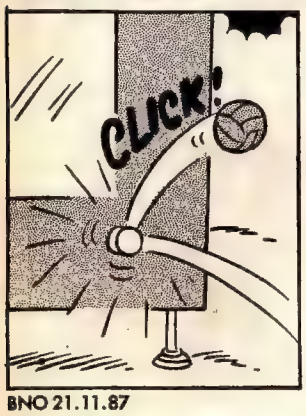

POUNCE!
YES — NO DOUBT ABOUT IT — FOUL!

I'LL TAKE THE FREE KICK.

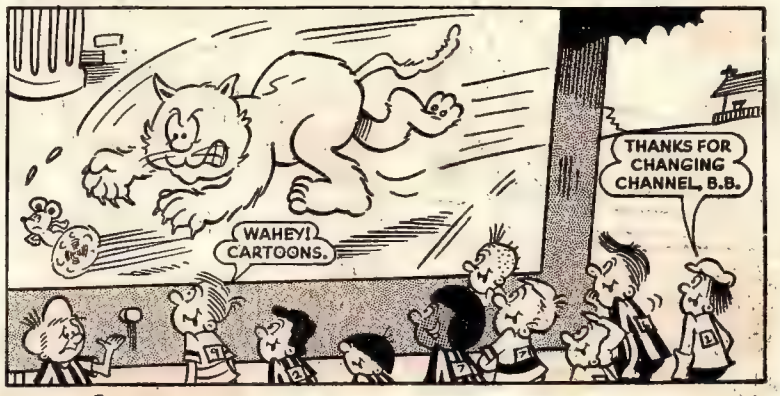
WHERE'S MY TEAM GONE?

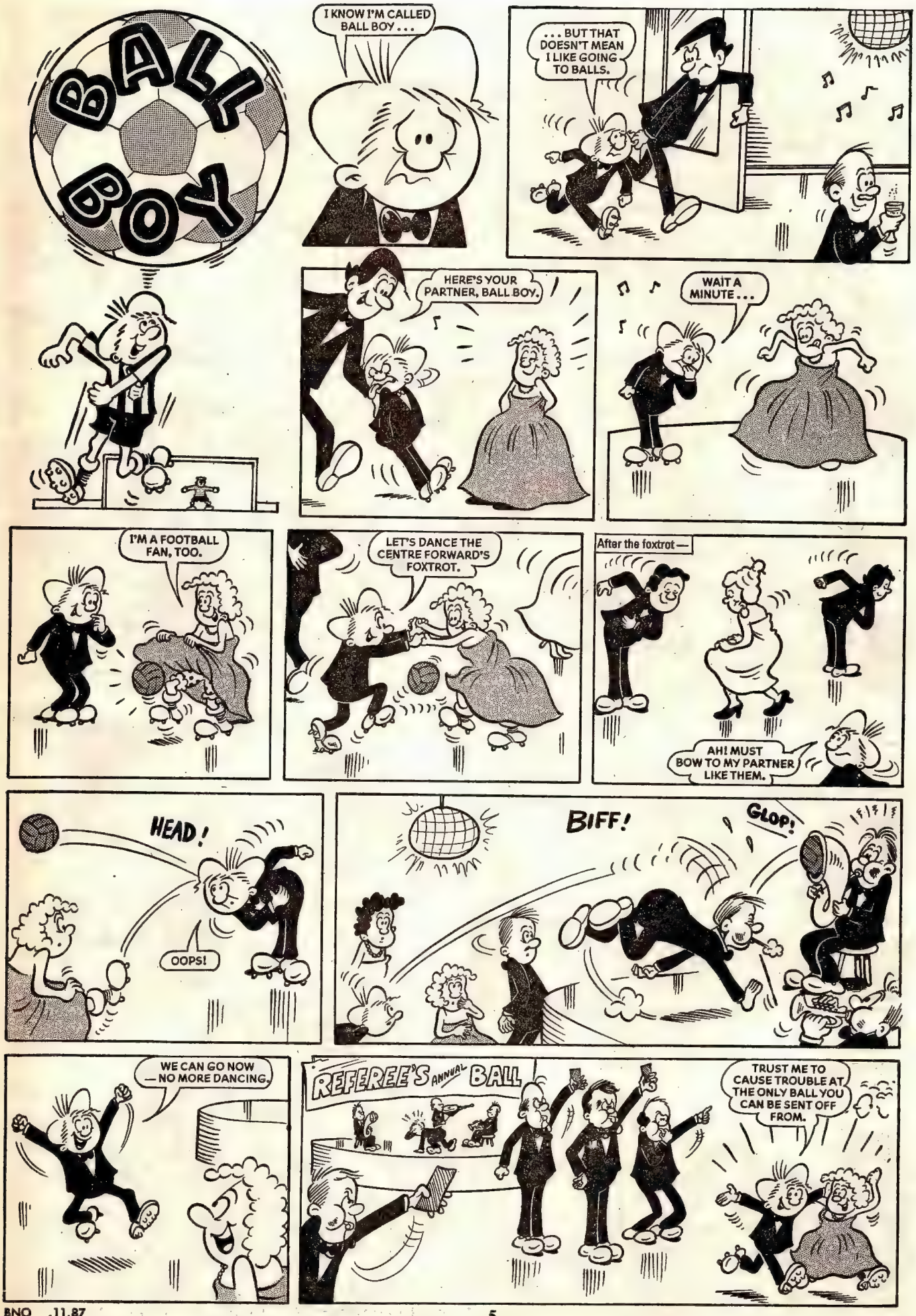

BAH! THEY WANT TO SEE THEMSELVES ON THE SCREEN.
HELLO, MUM!

I'M SO ANNOYED I'VE GOT TO KICK SOMETHING.
BOOT!

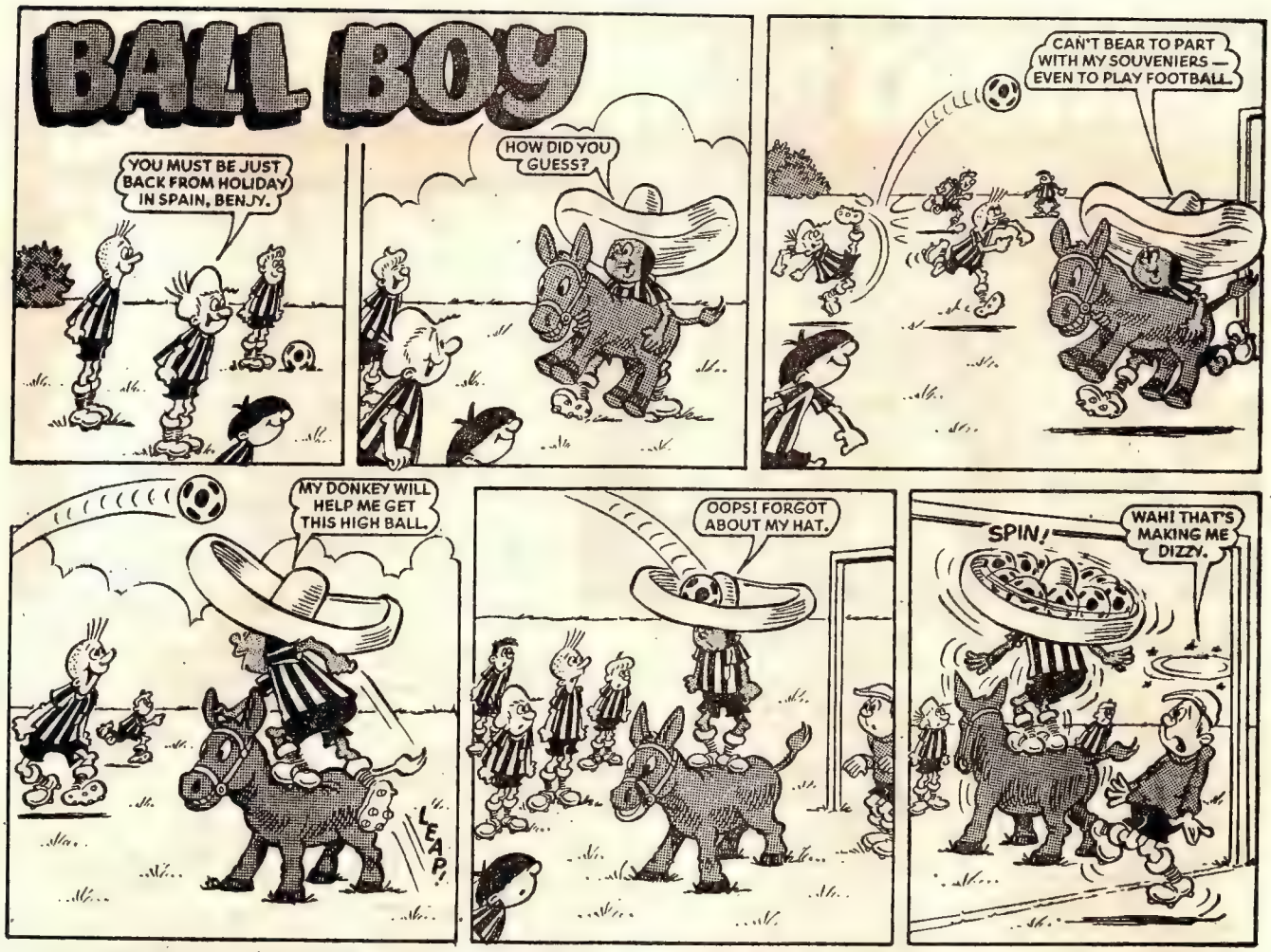

CLICK!

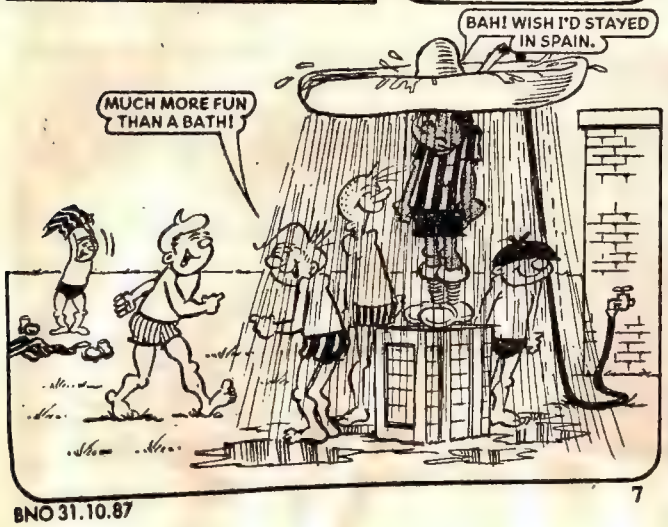
OH, NO! THAT'S MADE IT WORSE.


WAHEY! CARTOONS.
THANKS FOR CHANGING CHANNEL, B.B.


BALL BOY
I KNOW I'M CALLED BALL BOY...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I LIKE GOING TO BALLS.
HERE'S YOUR PARTNER, BALL BOY.
WAIT A MINUTE...
I'M A FOOTBALL FAN, TOO.
LET'S DANCE THE CENTRE FORWARD'S FOXTROT.
After the foxtrot —
AH! MUST BOW TO MY PARTNER LIKE THEM.
HEAD!
OOPS!
BIFF!
GLOP!
WE CAN GO NOW — NO MORE DANCING.
REFEREE'S ANNUAL BALL
TRUST ME TO CAUSE TROUBLE AT THE ONLY BALL YOU CAN BE SENT OFF FROM.

BALL BOY





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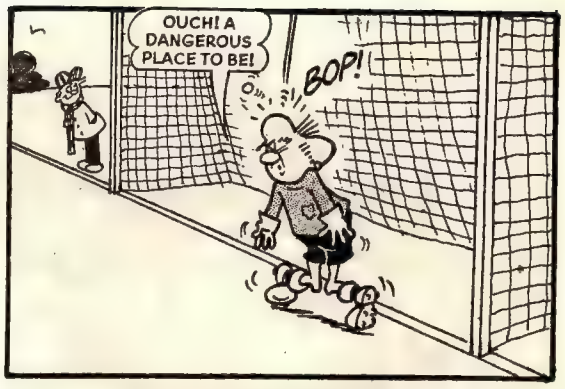
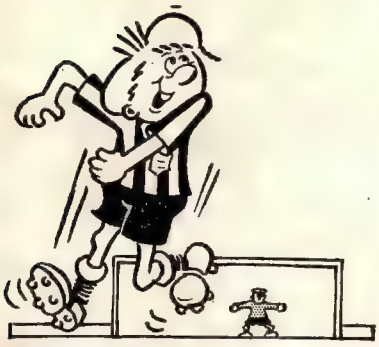
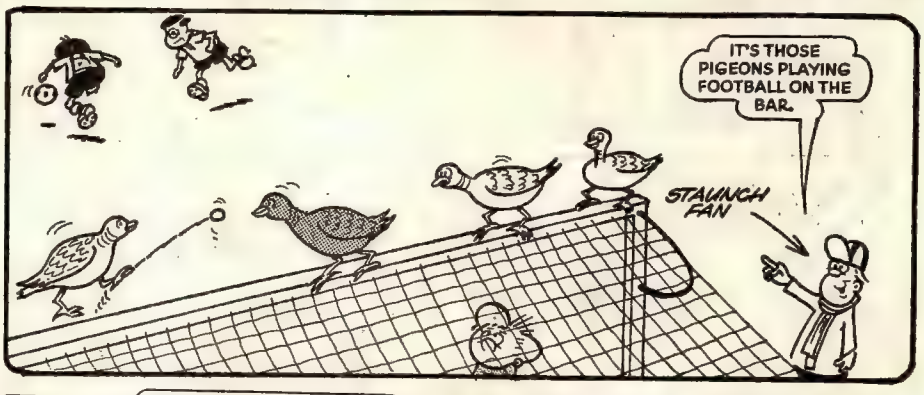
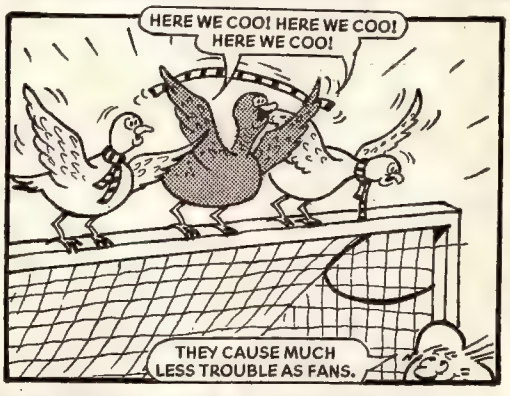
I'M PLAYING IN GOAL TODAY.


OUCH! A DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE!
BOP!

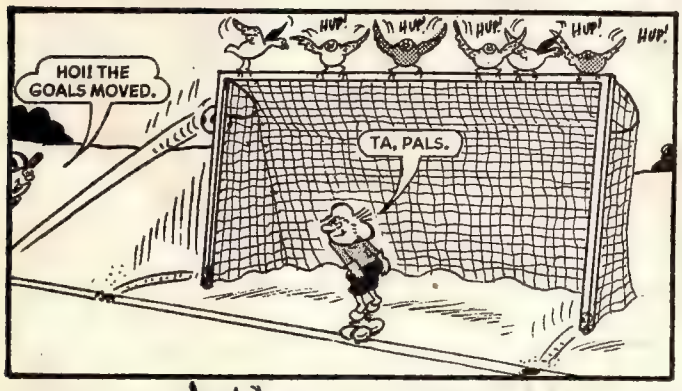


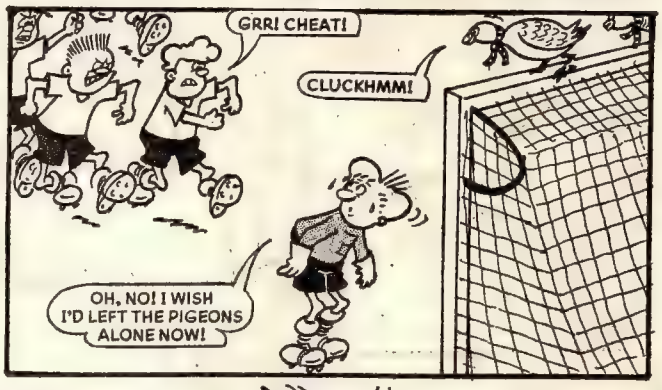

IT'S THOSE PIGEONS PLAYING FOOTBALL ON THE BAR.
STAUNCH FAN

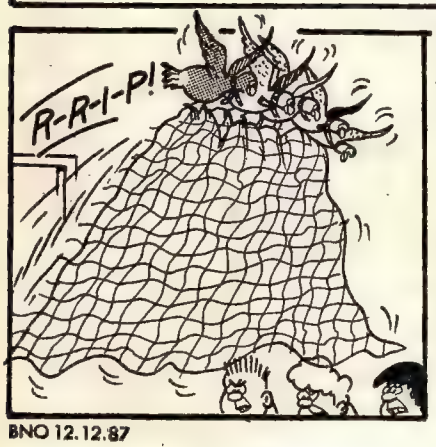
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! YOU DON'T NEED ALL THIS SCARF, DO YOU?
SNIP! SNIP!

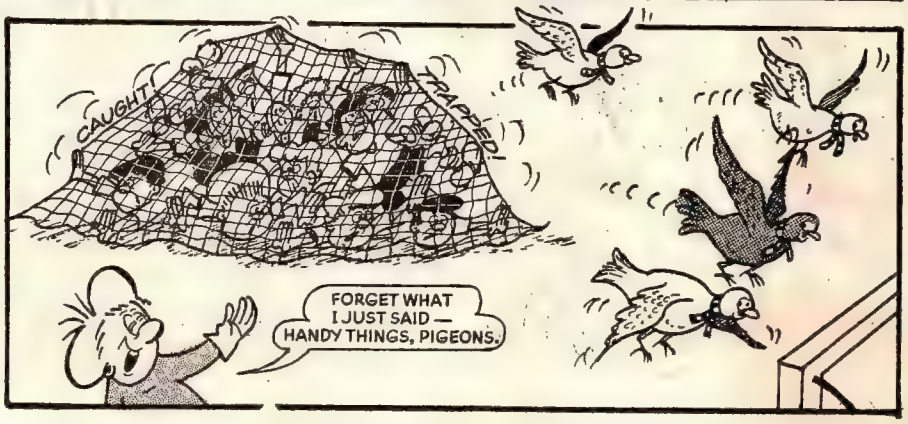

HERE WE COO! HERE WE COO! HERE WE COO!
THEY CAUSE MUCH LESS TROUBLE AS FANS.

OH-OH! BALL BOY'S NOT WATCHING THE BALL!
IT'S GOING IN!


HOI! THE GOALS MOVED.
HUP! HUP! HUP! HUP! HUP!
TA, PALS.


GRR! CHEAT!
CLUCKHMM!
OH, NO! I WISH I'D LEFT THE PIGEONS ALONE NOW!


R-R-I-P!


CAUGHT
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FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID — HANDY THINGS, PIGEONS.

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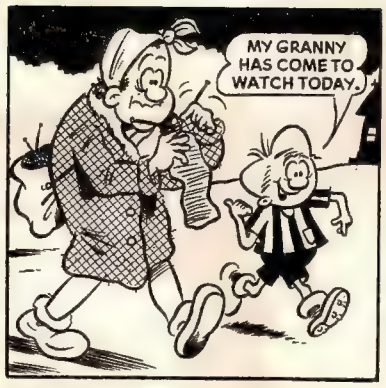
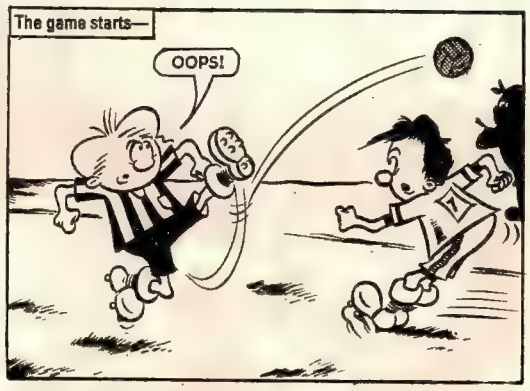
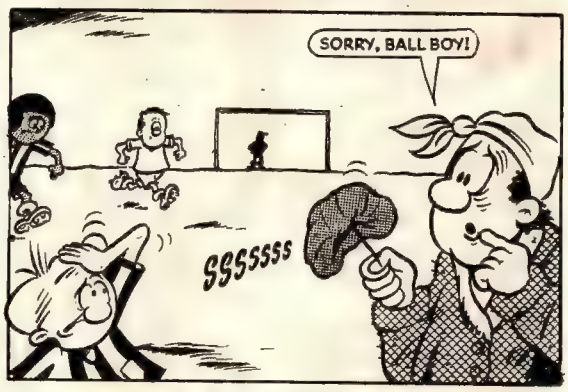
BALL BOY


MY GRANNY HAS COME TO WATCH TODAY.


The game starts—
OOPS!

PSSSSC

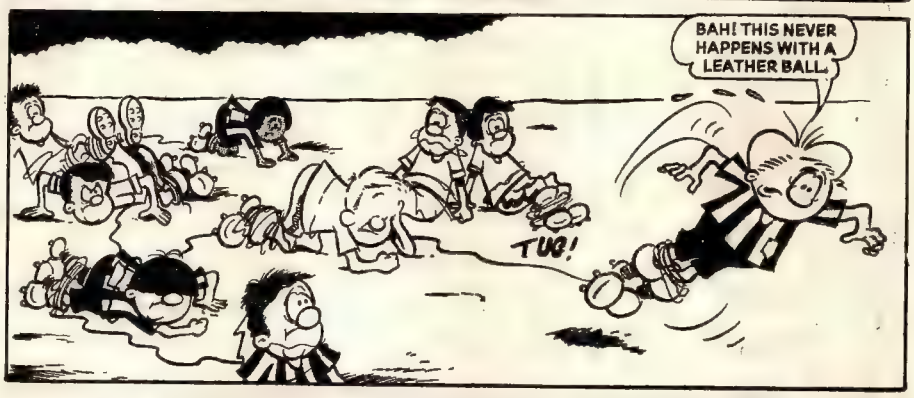

SORRY, BALL BOY!
SSSSSSS

DON'T WORRY, THOUGH . . .

HERE, I'VE KNITTED A NEW BALL.

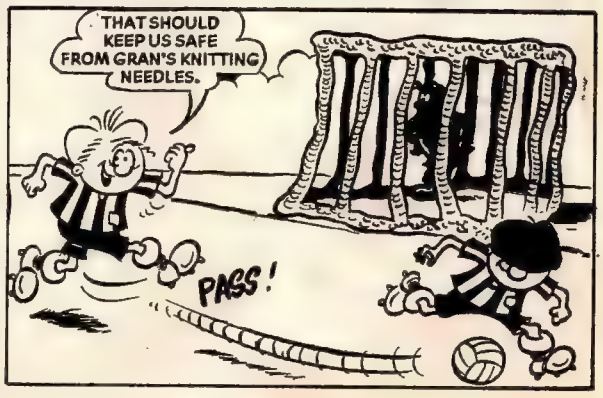
THIS IS FINE!

But—


BAH! THIS NEVER HAPPENS WITH A LEATHER BALL.
TUG!

BAH! THIS IS USELESS.

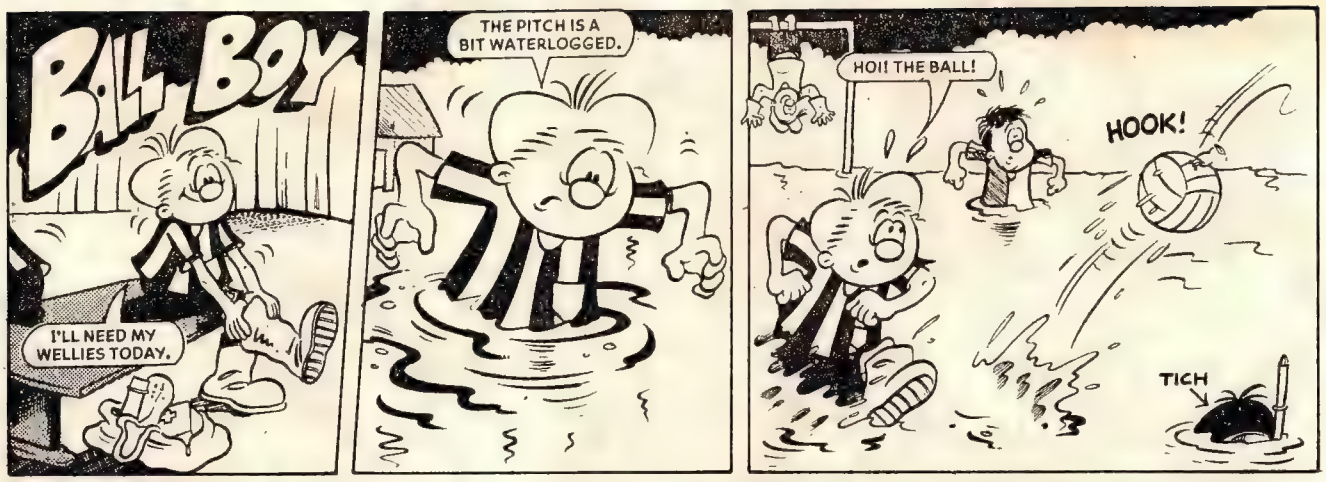
TIME TO DO SOME KNITTING OURSELVES.
KNIT!
KNIT!
KNIT!


THAT SHOULD KEEP US SAFE FROM GRAN'S KNITTING NEEDLES.
PASS!

BALL BOY
I'M BALL BOY'S TEAM'S NEW TRAINER.
TRAINER
HOPE IT'S A ROUGH GAME — I ENJOY MY JOB.
LINIMENT
BAH! THIS IS BORING, NO INJURIES YET.
TWIRL
I'LL HAVE TO CREATE SOME.
WAHEY!
PULL!
HOI!
I'M ALL RIGHT — GO AWAY.
SHUT UP! I'M THE EXPERT.
SPLUP!
I'LL PUT A PLASTER ON THIS — IT COULD BE BROKEN YOU KNOW.
GO AWAY! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME!
TOSS!
BOK! BOK!
HOBBLE! HOBBLE!
FUME! I CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL WITH THIS ON.
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A TEMPERATURE.
MY PLASTER MIGHT HAVE ONE USE, THOUGH.
... GETTING RID OF OUR NEW TRAINER.
THUD!

BALL BOY
LOTS OF LITTER ON THE PITCH TODAY.
DRIBBLE!
OH-OH! THEY LOOK TOUGH!
LET'S GET HIM!
But —
WHERE'D HE GO?
EH?
HE HID IN THE LITTER.
'BYE!
I CAN'T MISS NOW!
HAW! HAW! PUT HIM OFF!
BING!
I CANT MISS, THIS TIME.
GOAL!
BOOT!
No goal —
THE BALL DIDN'T CROSS THE LINE.
STUCK!
BAH! THE LITTER'S STICKING TO OUR STUDS.
WHO'RE YOU CALLING TITCH?
HMPH! CAN'T GET IN — WE'RE TOO TALL.
VISITORS
THIS IS DAFT — LET'S GO AND GET CHANGED.

BALL BOY
IT'S C-COLD TODAY!
AND ICY! WAH!
I'LL SPONGE YOU BETTER, B.B.
OH-OH! IT'S FROZEN ONTO ME.
FREEZE!
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.
I'LL TAKE LOTS OF SPONGES . . .
SOAK!
Fix!
. . . STICK THEM ON . . .
STICK!
FREEZE!
FROZEN SOLID!
. . . AND I'LL BE PADDED IF I FALL!
IT MAKES YOU SHIVER A BIT!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
SHIVER!
BUMP!
HOP!
THUMP!
BOUND!
BIFF!
ONLY ONE P-P-PROBLEM.



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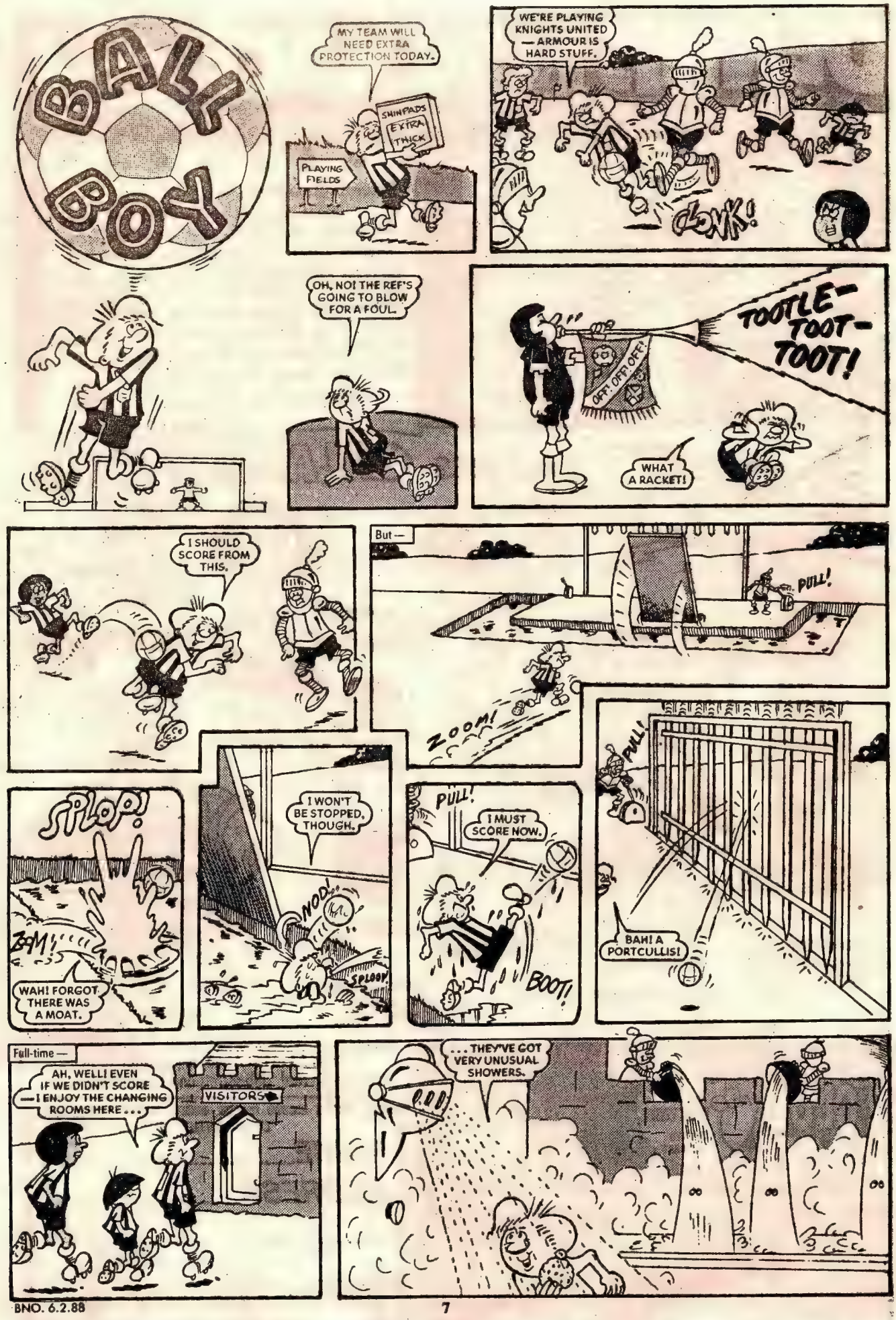
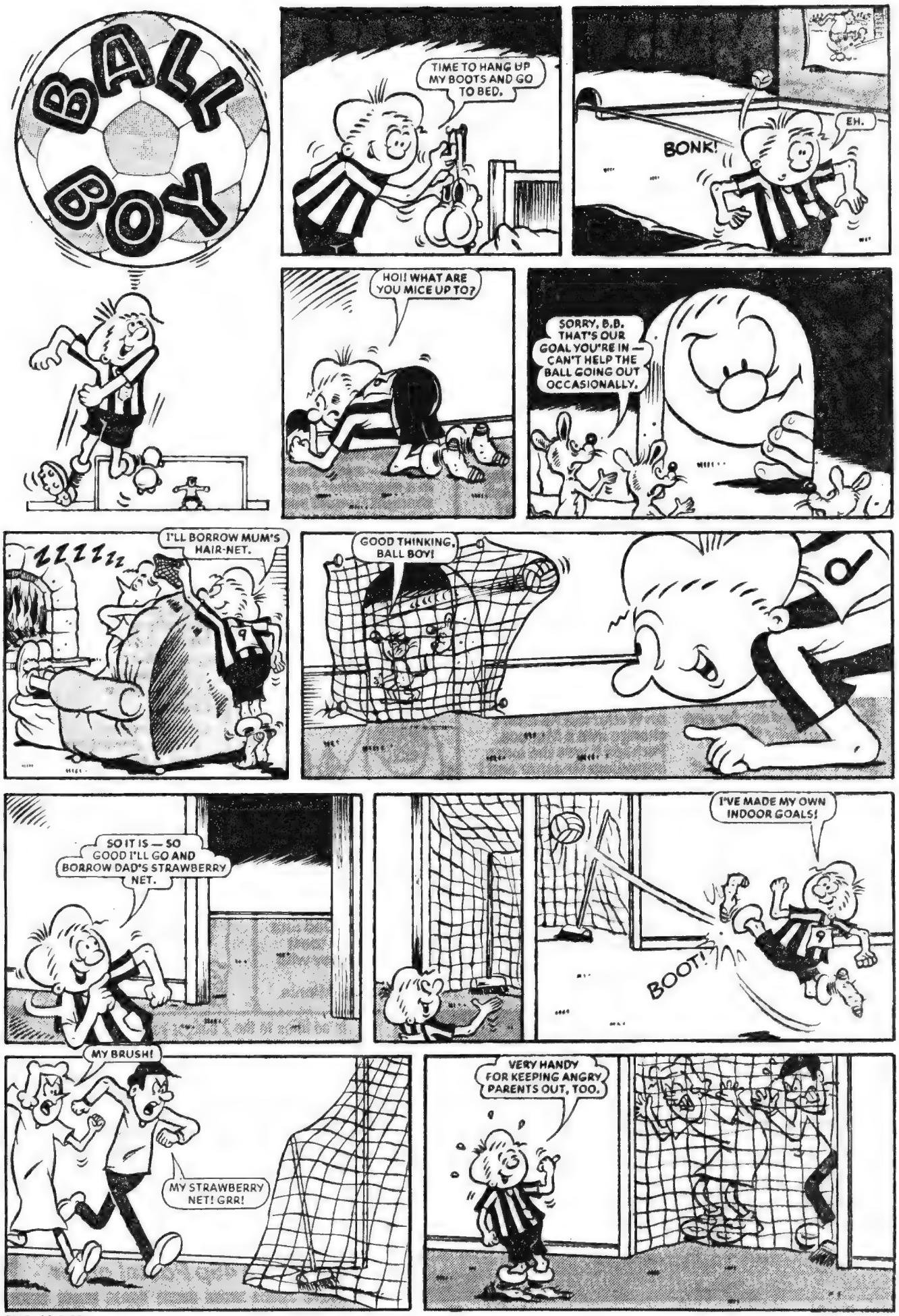
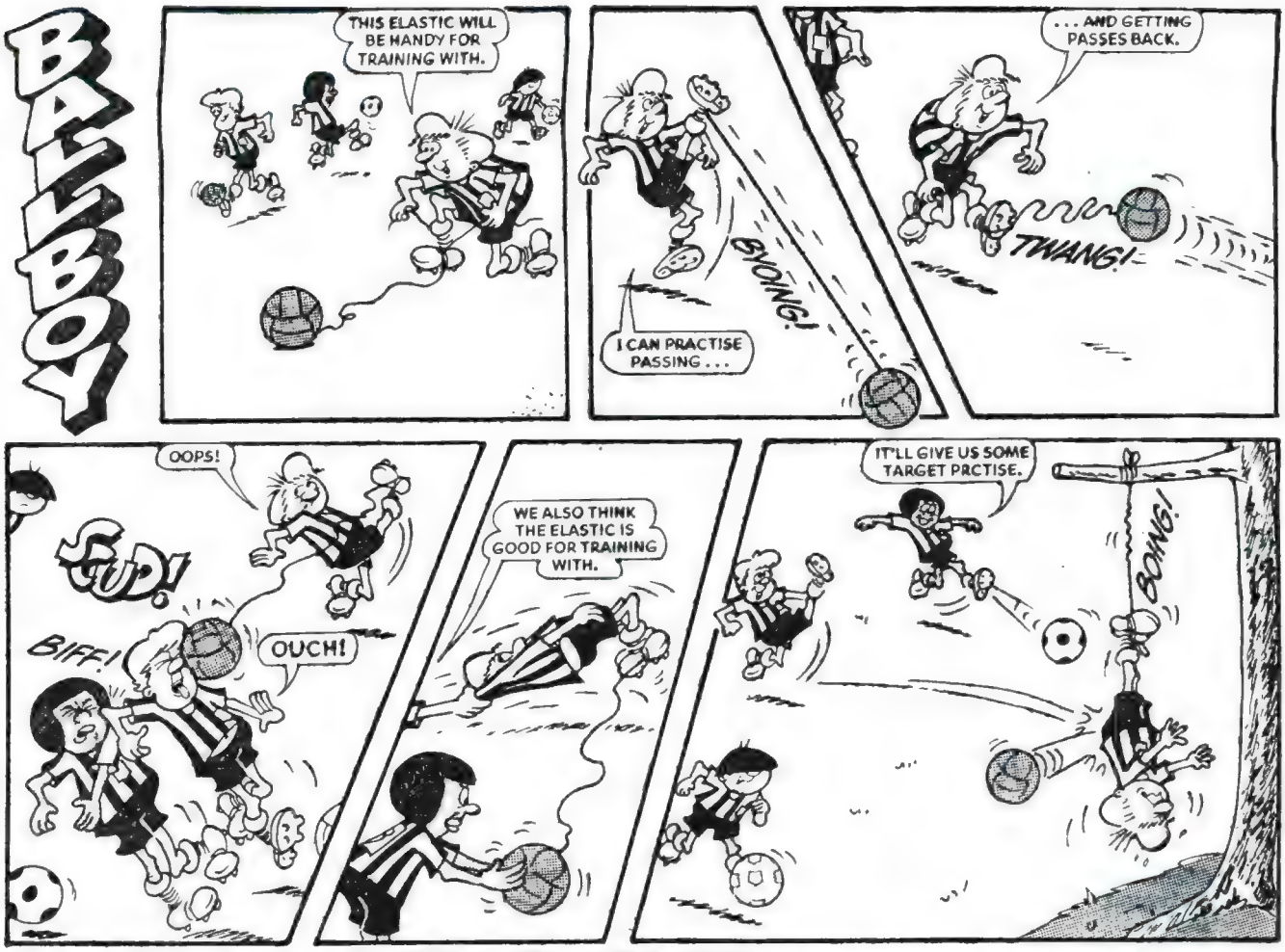
BEANO OFFICE
I WONDER WHY THE EDITOR WANTED TO SEE ME.
BEANO IS BEST
I WANT YOU TO HELP ME STOP HIM PLAYING "KEEPY-UP"!
WHY SHOULD I STOP — I CAN DO MY WORK AT THE SAME TIME.
WATCH!
See I can write and Play
KICK!
EASY!
BEANO OFFICE
YES, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE THE PEN WILL END UP.
RAGE!
MY TEA!
PLOP!
YUCK!
SPLOO!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR IT . . .
. . . YOU'LL HAVE TO PRACTISE WITH A BIG BALL.
MY LEG SHOULD SOON BE STRONG ENOUGH.
OOW! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN!
KICK!
KICK!
YOU NEED A STRONG LEG TO STOP "KEEPY-UP" PLAYERS.


BALL BOY
MY TEAM WILL NEED EXTRA PROTECTION TODAY.
SHINPADS EXTRA THICK
PLAYING FIELDS
WE'RE PLAYING KNIGHTS UNITED — ARMOUR IS HARD STUFF.
CLONK!
OH, NO! THE REF'S GOING TO BLOW FOR A FOUL.
TOOTLE-TOOT-TOOT!
OFF! OFF! OFF!
WHAT A RACKET!
I SHOULD SCORE FROM THIS.
But —
PULL!
ZOOM!
SPLOP!
ZOM!
WAH! FORGOT. THERE WAS A MOAT.
I WON'T BE STOPPED, THOUGH.
NOD!
SPLOOP
PULL!
I MUST SCORE NOW.
BOOT!
PULL!
BAH! A PORTCULLIS!
Full-time —
AH, WELL! EVEN IF WE DIDN'T SCORE — I ENJOY THE CHANGING ROOMS HERE . . .
VISITORS
. . . THEY'VE GOT VERY UNUSUAL SHOWERS.


BALL BOY
TIME TO HANG UP MY BOOTS AND GO TO BED.
BONK!
EH.
HOI! WHAT ARE YOU MICE UP TO?
SORRY, B.B. THAT'S OUR GOAL YOU'RE IN — CAN'T HELP THE BALL GOING OUT OCCASIONALLY.
ZZZZZZ
I'LL BORROW MUM'S HAIR-NET.
GOOD THINKING, BALL BOY!
SO IT IS — SO GOOD I'LL GO AND BORROW DAD'S STRAWBERRY NET.
I'VE MADE MY OWN INDOOR GOALS!
BOOT!
MY BRUSH!
MY STRAWBERRY NET! GRR!
VERY HANDY FOR KEEPING ANGRY PARENTS OUT, TOO.



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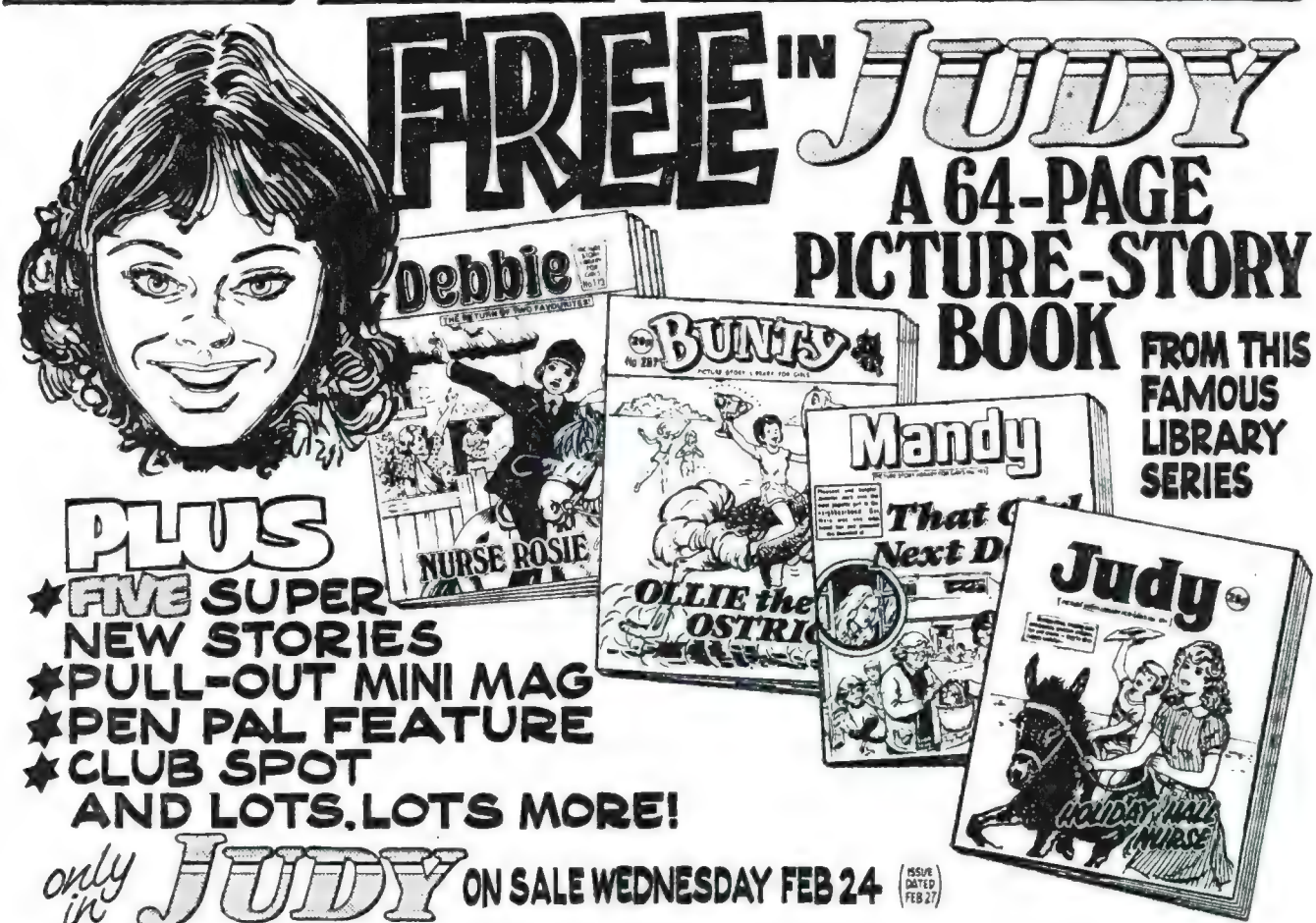

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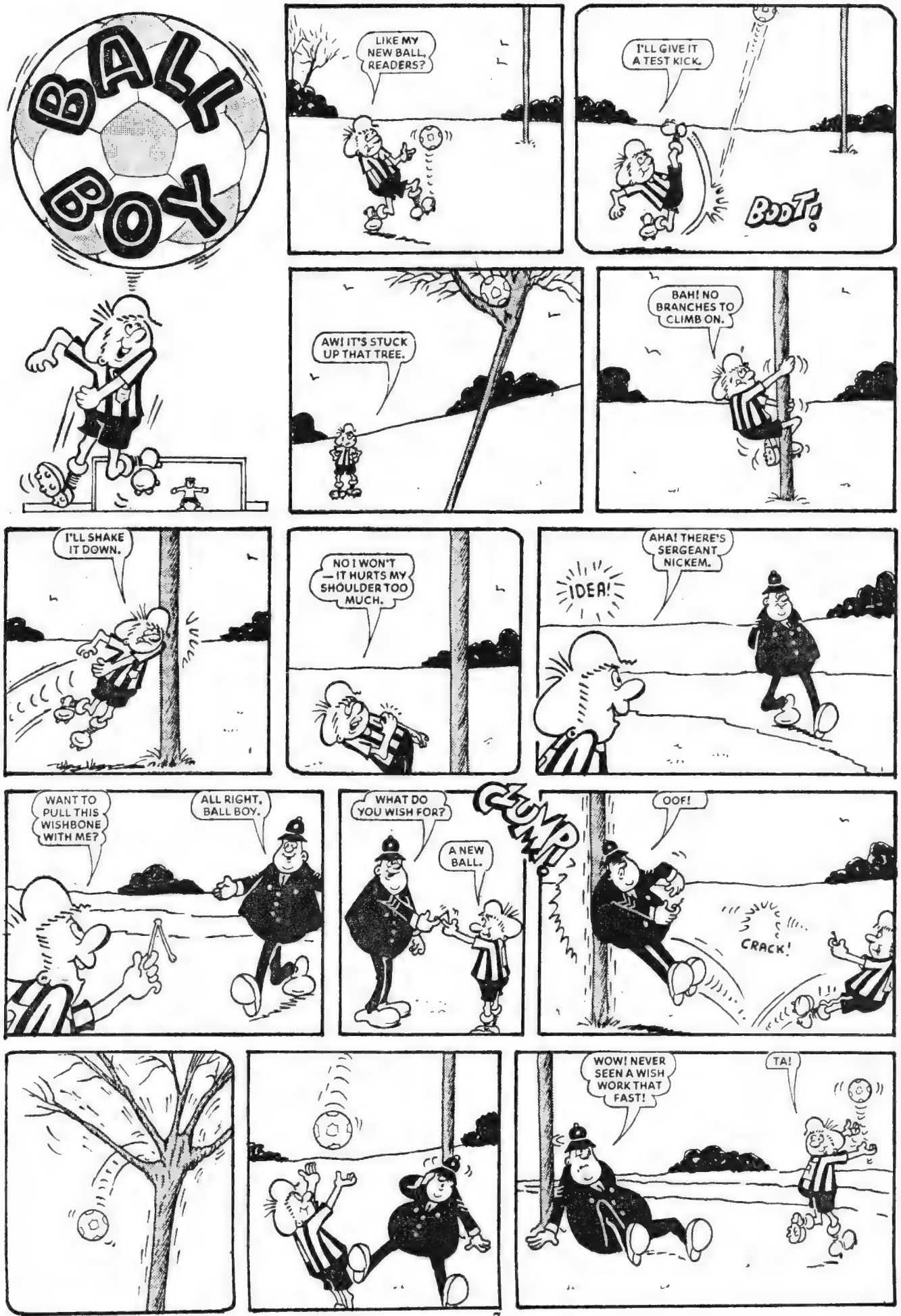
BALL BOY
LIKE MY NEW BALL, READERS?
I'LL GIVE IT A TEST KICK.
BOOT!
AW! IT'S STUCK UP THAT TREE.
BAH! NO BRANCHES TO CLIMB ON.
I'LL SHAKE IT DOWN.
NO I WON'T — IT HURTS MY SHOULDER TOO MUCH.
IDEA!
AHA! THERE'S SERGEANT NICKEM.
WANT TO PULL THIS WISHBONE WITH ME?
ALL RIGHT, BALL BOY.
WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR?
A NEW BALL.
CLUMP!
OOF!
CRACK!
WOW! NEVER SEEN A WISH WORK THAT FAST!
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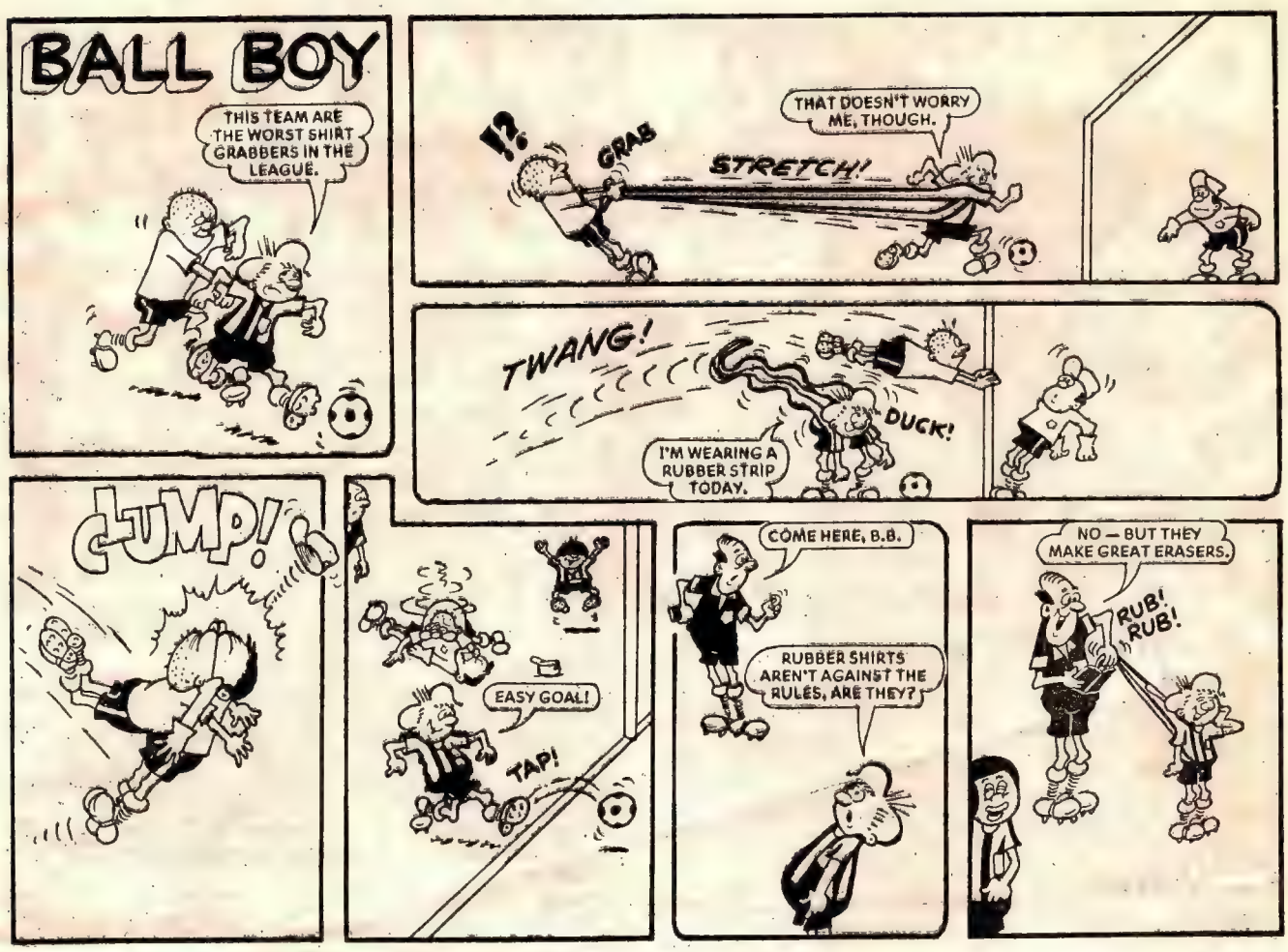

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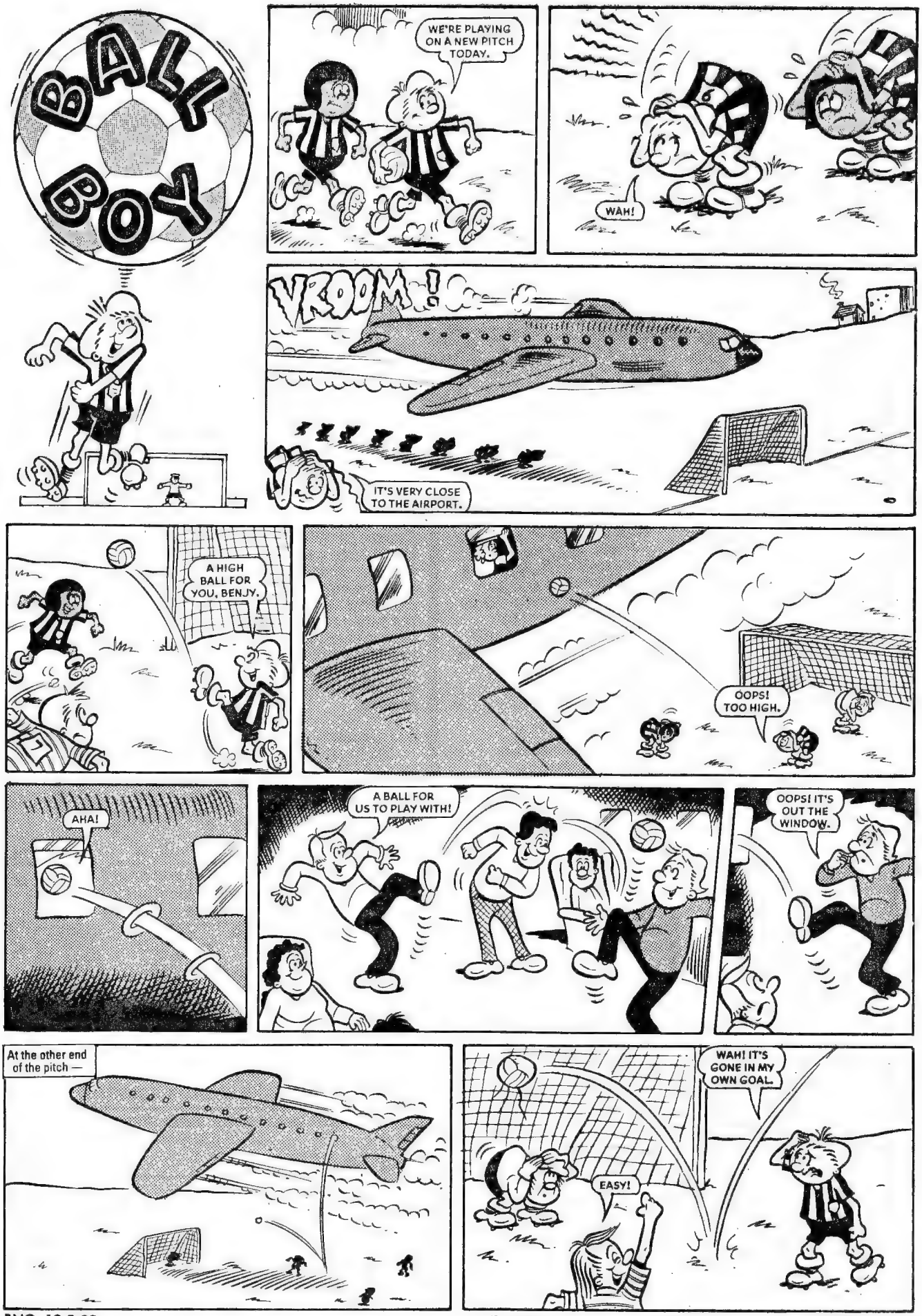
BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING ON A NEW PITCH TODAY.
WAH!
VROOM!
IT'S VERY CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT.
A HIGH BALL FOR YOU, BENJY.
OOPS! TOO HIGH.
AHA!
A BALL FOR US TO PLAY WITH!
OOPS! IT'S OUT THE WINDOW.
At the other end of the pitch —
WAH! IT'S GONE IN MY OWN GOAL.
EASY!

BALL BOY

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

I THINK BALLBOY SHOULD FIND SOME OTHER INTERESTS.

So —

COME ON, SON — I'LL TAKE YOU FOR A GAME OF SNOOKER.

YOU'VE GOT TO GET THESE BALLS INTO THE POCKETS.

EASY!

JUST LIKE PLAYING TABLE FOOTBALL.

NO, NO, NO!

YOU USE THIS!

DAD NEARLY SCORED — BUT MY GOALIE SAVED.

I WAS GOING TO PUT HIM RIGHT . . .

. . . BUT I WAS SENT OFF FOR USING A STICK ON THE BALL.

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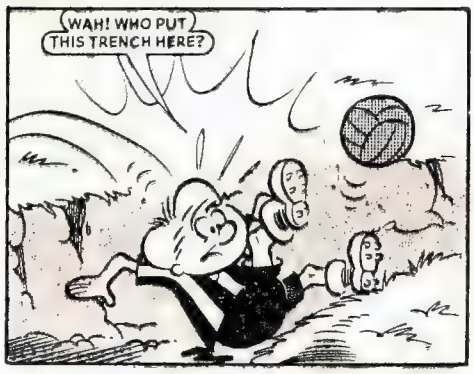

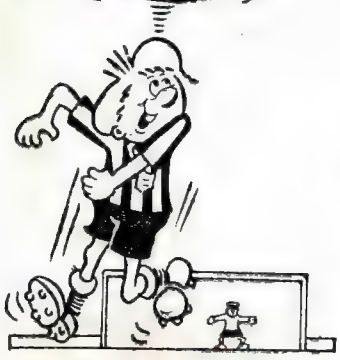

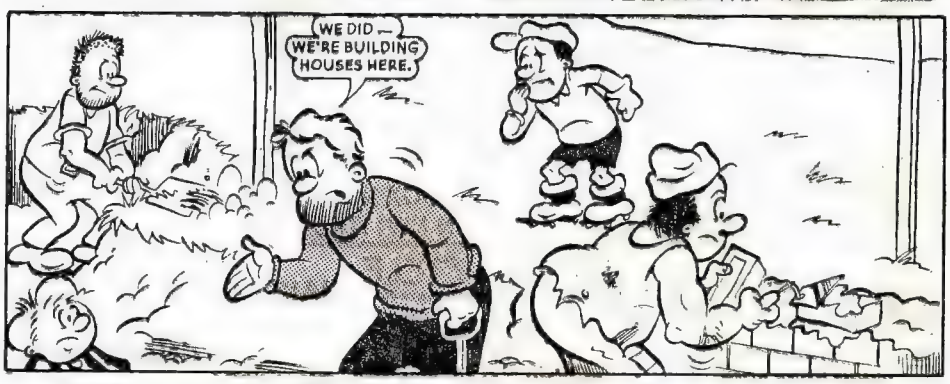

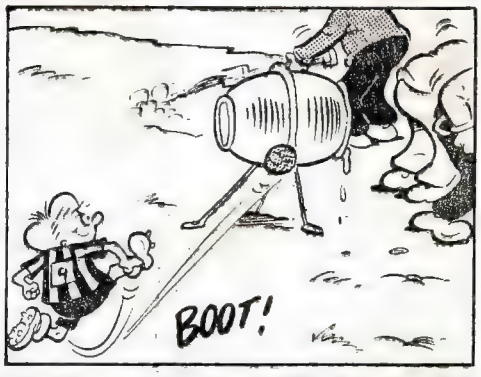

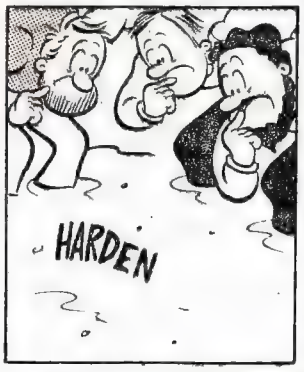

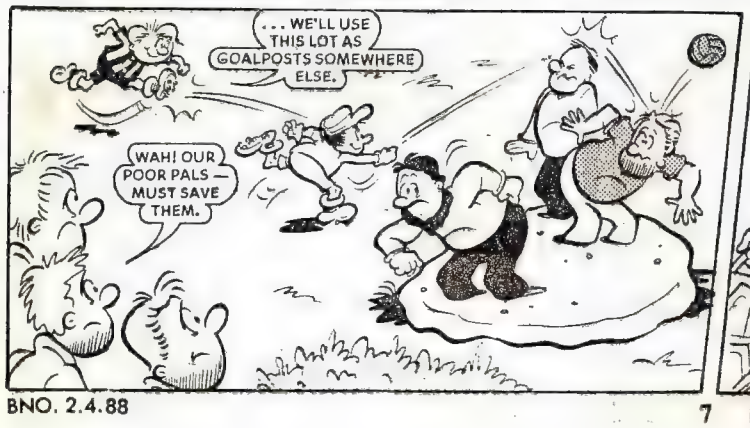

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BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING PUNK UNITED TODAY.
LEAP
JAB!
BANG!
OOPS! I PUT ON TOO MUCH HAIRSPRAY.
WE'LL USE OUR SPARE BALL.
So —
IT'S GOT A MOHICAN HAIRCUT!
YES, WE PRACTISE ON IT.
GOOD SAVE!
GRAB
BOOT!
But —
OOH! IT TICKLES!
TICKLE!
AAAH-
GOAL!
CHOO!
BAH!
CAN I BORROW SOME HAIR OIL, ARCHIE?
WAH! HOW COULD HE DO THAT FOUL THING TO OUR BALL?
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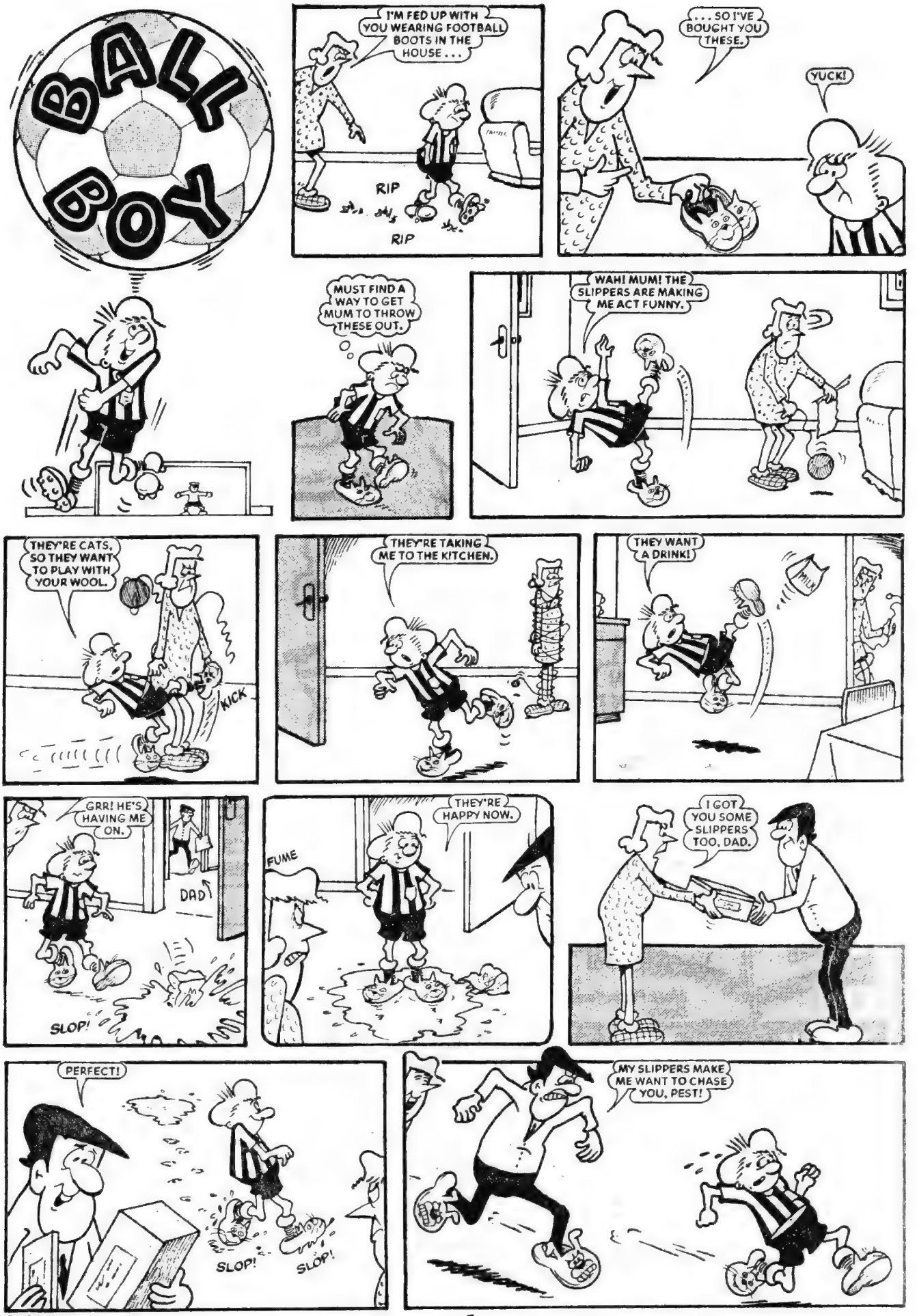
BALL BOY
I'M FED UP WITH YOU WEARING FOOTBALL BOOTS IN THE HOUSE . . .
RIP
RIP
. . . SO I'VE BOUGHT YOU THESE.
YUCK!
MUST FIND A WAY TO GET MUM TO THROW THESE OUT.
WAH! MUM! THE SLIPPERS ARE MAKING ME ACT FUNNY.
THEY'RE CATS, SO THEY WANT TO PLAY WITH YOUR WOOL.
KICK
THEY'RE TAKING ME TO THE KITCHEN.
THEY WANT A DRINK!
MILK
GRR! HE'S HAVING ME ON.
DAD!
SLOP!
FUME
THEY'RE HAPPY NOW.
I GOT YOU SOME SLIPPERS TOO, DAD.
PERFECT!
SLOP!
SLOP!
MY SLIPPERS MAKE ME WANT TO CHASE YOU, PEST!

BALL BOY
WHAT A REVOLTING DAY.
I'LL BE TRAINER TODAY — I'LL BE WARM AND DRY.
I WAS WRONG!
THE DUG-OUT IS FLOODED.
MUST GET OUT!
SPLOP!
WAH! IT'S SLIPPY!
THUD!
SKID!
GLOOP!
I KNOW!
HANDY THINGS BANDAGES.
EASY!
But—
SPLUP!
FORGET WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING WARM AND DRY.

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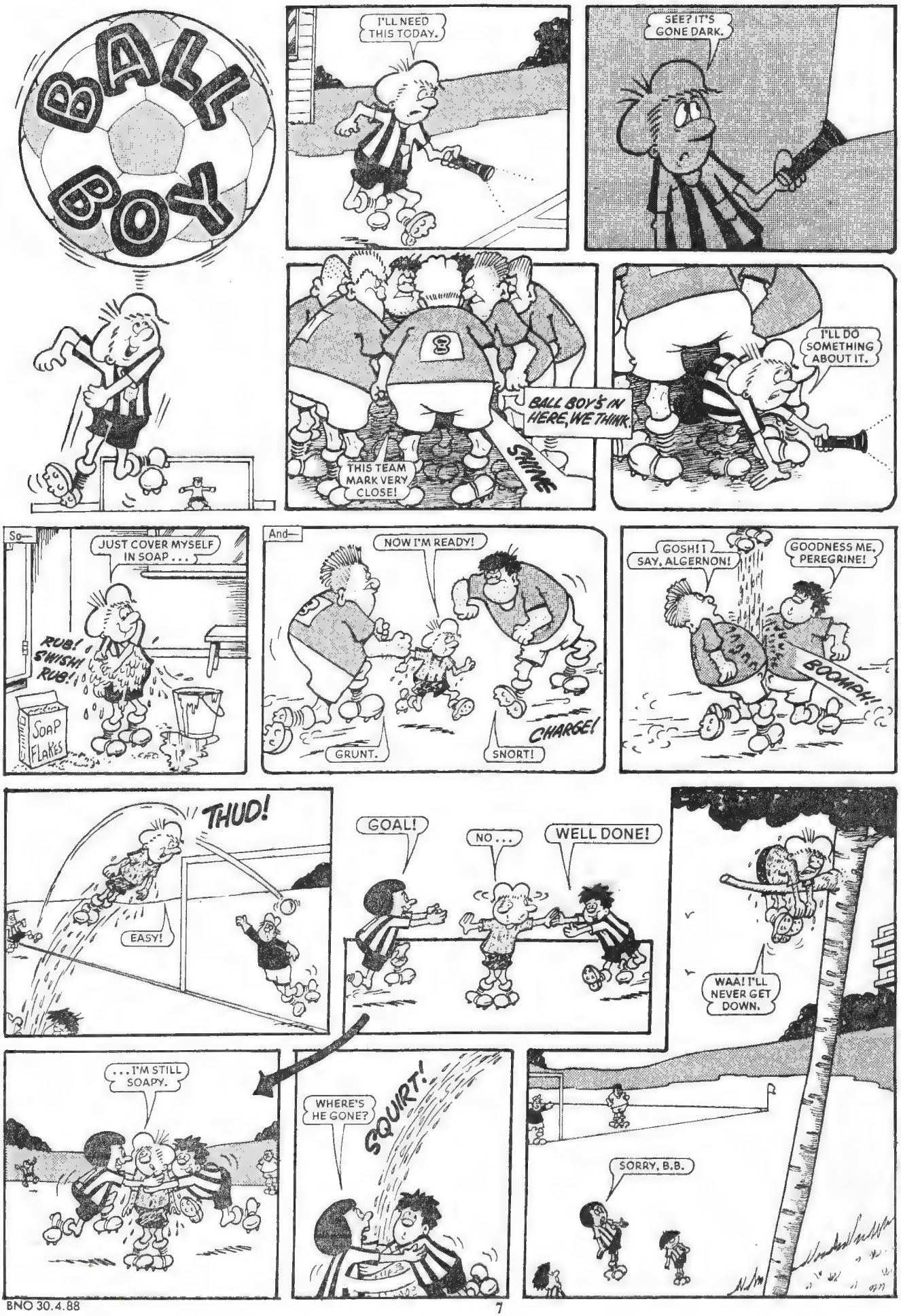
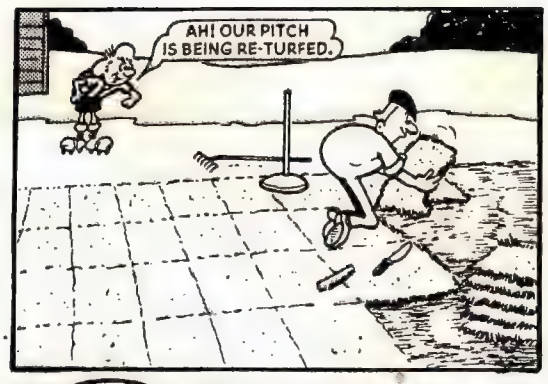
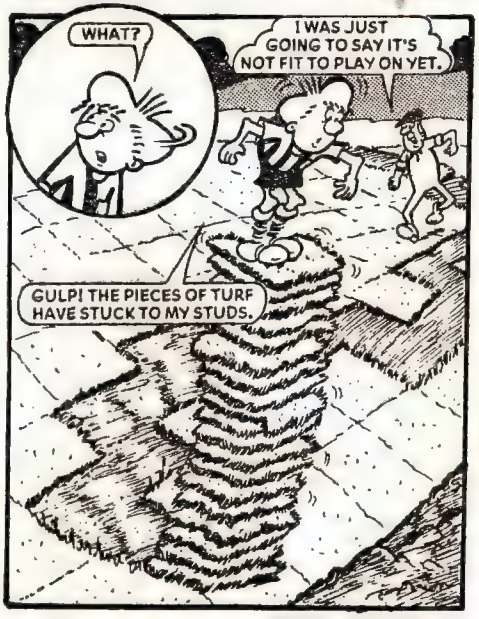
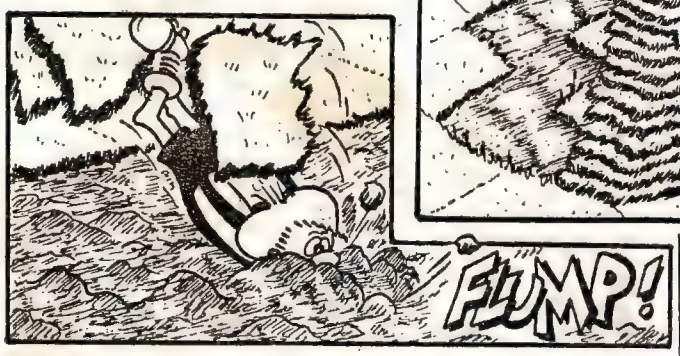
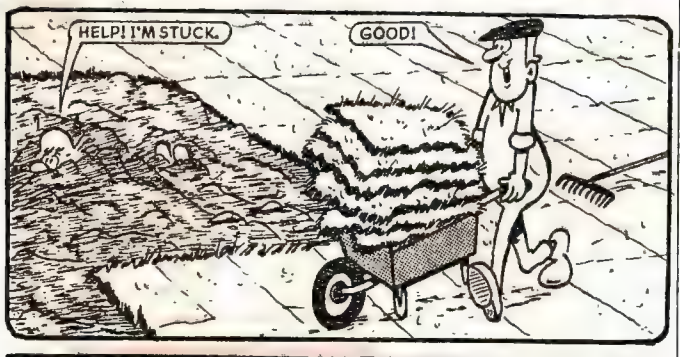
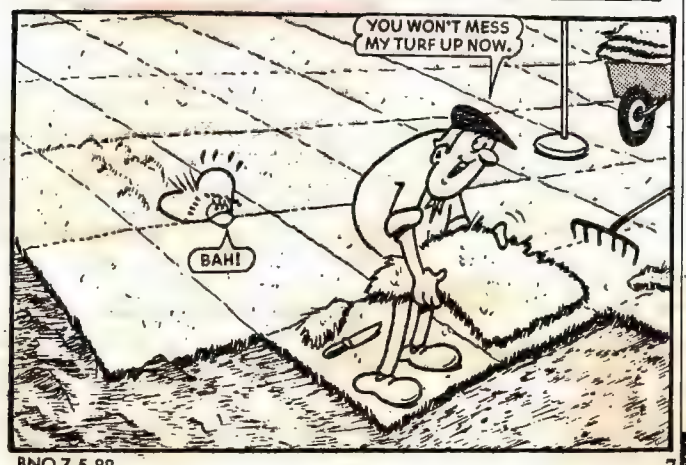

BALL BOY
I'LL NEED THIS TODAY.
SEE? IT'S GONE DARK.
THIS TEAM MARK VERY CLOSE!
BALL BOY'S IN HERE, WE THINK.
SHINE
I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
So—
JUST COVER MYSELF IN SOAP . . .
RUB! SWISH! RUB!
SOAP FLAKES
And—
NOW I'M READY!
GRUNT.
SNORT!
CHARGE!
GOSH! I SAY, ALGERNON!
GOODNESS ME, PEREGRINE!
BOOMPH!
THUD!
EASY!
GOAL!
NO . . .
WELL DONE!
WAA! I'LL NEVER GET DOWN.
. . . I'M STILL SOAPY.
WHERE'S HE GONE?
SQUIRT!
SORRY, B.B.











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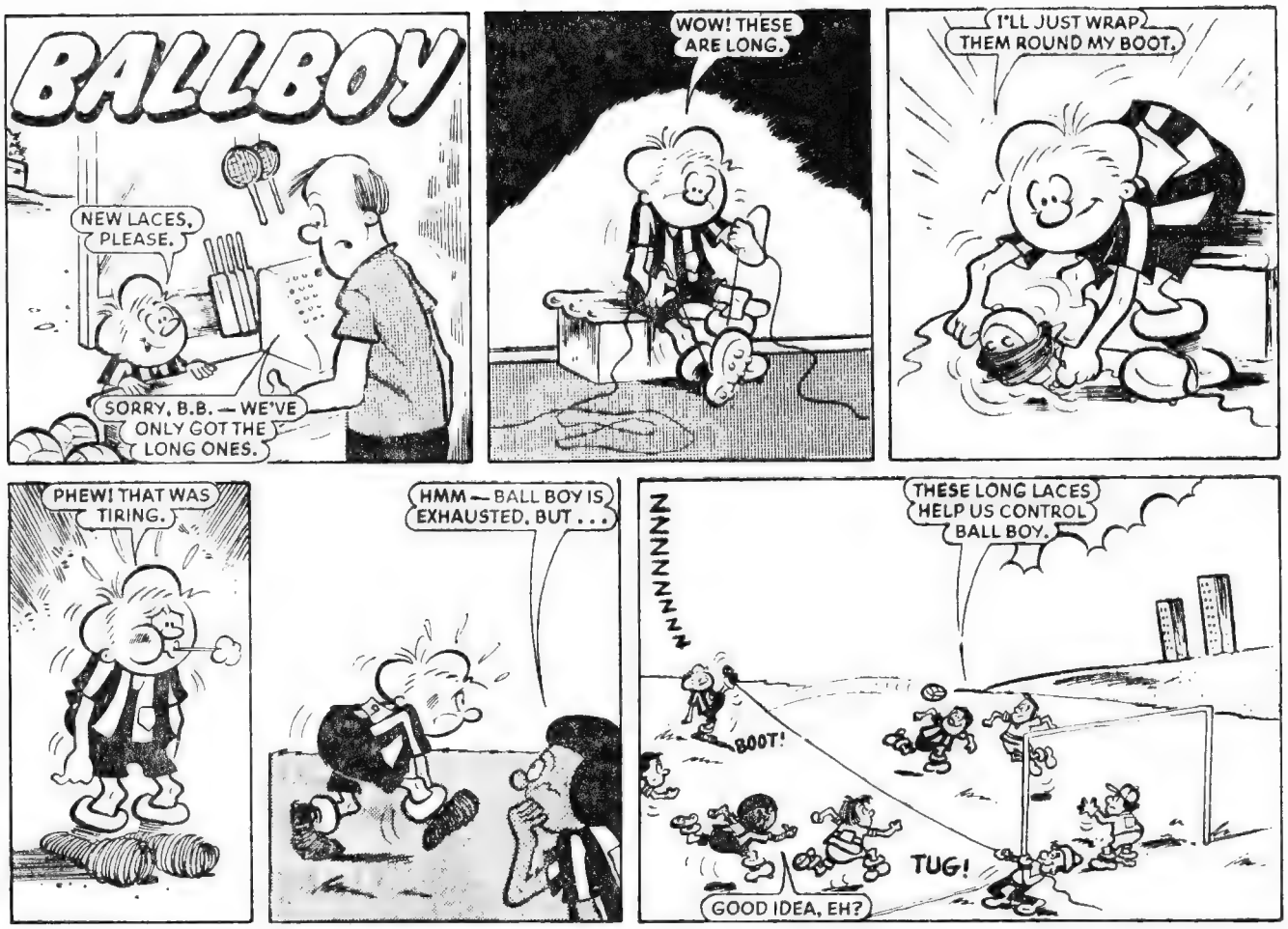

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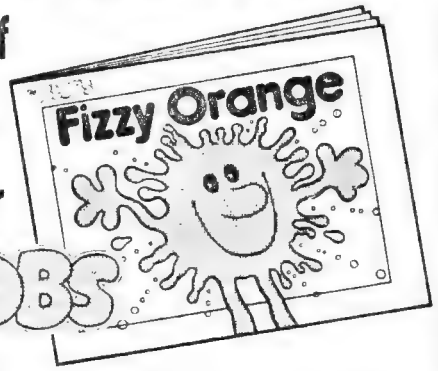

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BALL BOY
I SHOULD SAVE THIS EASILY.
But—
BUMP!
OOF!
HOI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?
THIS IS THE NEAREST THING I CAN FIND TO A HAMMOCK — SO I'M HAVING A SLEEP.
GOOD NIGHT!
BAH! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE HIM.
CARRY ON WITH THE GAME.
But—
HE'LL HAVE TO GO — I KNOW HOW.
Soon—
ABANDON SHIP! WE'RE SINKING!
HE FELL FOR IT! THANKS FOR THE LOAN OF THE BOAT, CAPTAIN.
TO THE LIFEBOATS! MUST GET OFF!
NOT ONLY DID WE GET RID OF THE SAILOR — WE'VE MADE GOALKEEPING FAR EASIER.

BALL BOY
SOFT SHOT!
THAT'S AN EASY ONE TO SAVE.
EXCEPT THAT OUR GOALIE IS TOO FAT TO GET MUCH OFF THE GROUND.
WHICH IS JUST AS WELL OR HE'D MAKE A HOLE WHEN HE LANDED.
GRASH!
YOU NEED EXERCISE.
OK, B.B.
EASY GOAL.
TRICKLE!
OH, NO! WHERE'S THE GOALIE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?
EXERCISING — I'M THE FITTEST IN THE TEAM NOW.
NO — I AM!
LEAP!
NO — ME!
ME!
ME!
I AM!
BAH! THE BAR'S TOO LOW NOW.
PULL!
JUST AS WELL . . .
WE ALL NEED A SEAT.

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HOME
HMM! THE GROUND'S HEAVY TODAY.
BALL BOY! BALL BOY! BALL BOY!
A FAN
OOF!
SLIP!
THUMP!
BAH! I NEED NEW STUDS.
So—
PHEW! HARD WORK GETTING THE OLD STUDS OUT.
WAH! AND NOW I'VE GOT TO SCREW THE NEW ONES IN.
TROGRIP STUDS
AHA! THERE'S HEFTY HANNAH, THE BALLET DANCER — SHE'LL HELP ME.
So—
WANT TO PRACTISE YOUR SPINS IN MY BOOTS, HANNAH?
And—
PERFECT!
GREAT! THEY'LL ALL BE SCREWED IN IN NO TIME.
SPIN
SCREW!
THANKS — CAN I HAVE MY BOOTS BACK NOW?
HMM . . .
NO! I LIKE THEM SO MUCH I'M KEEPING THEM — HAVE THESE.
HEFTY LEAP!
BOUND!
WAH! THIS IS EVEN WORSE THAN WORN STUDS.
WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!
SLIP! SLIP!

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A HIGH BALL FOR BENJY.
BOOT!
But —
DUNT!
DZZZZZZZZZZZ!
DZZZZZZZZZZZ!..
...ZZZ
HO!! STOP THAT — WE'RE PLAYING FOOTBALL.
BZZZZZZZZZZZZ
OK — I'LL BRING IT DOWN.
BZZZZZZZZZZZZ
ZIP!
MY WIG!
HAW-HAW!
HEE-HEE!
CHORTLE!
CHUCKLE!
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
YAROOP! NOW IT'S OUR TURN. PESKY PLANE!
WAH!
TRIP!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
THIS'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO FLY HIS PLANE NEAR US.
WHOOOSH!
FIRST FOR FUN!
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STORIES
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OOR WULLIE
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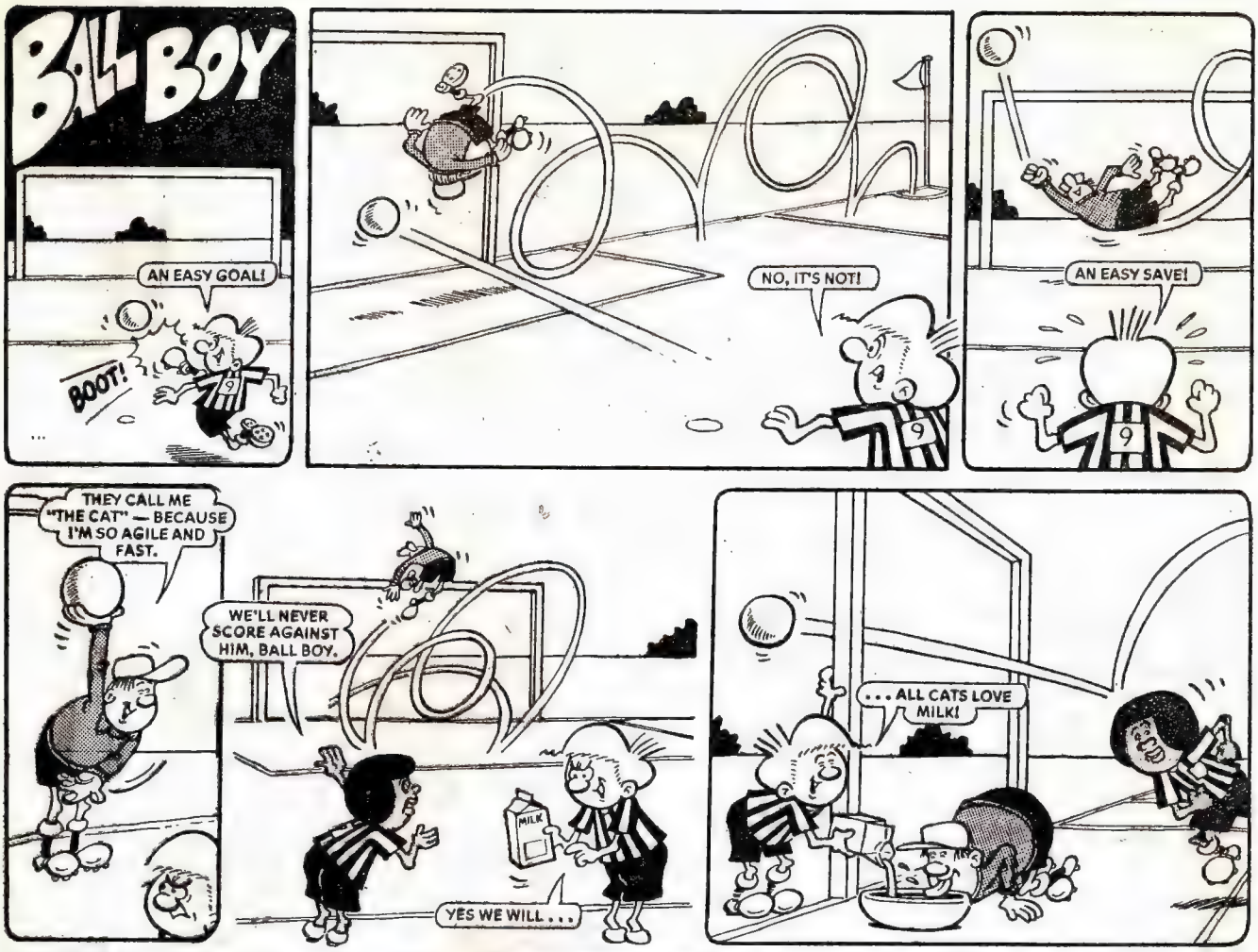

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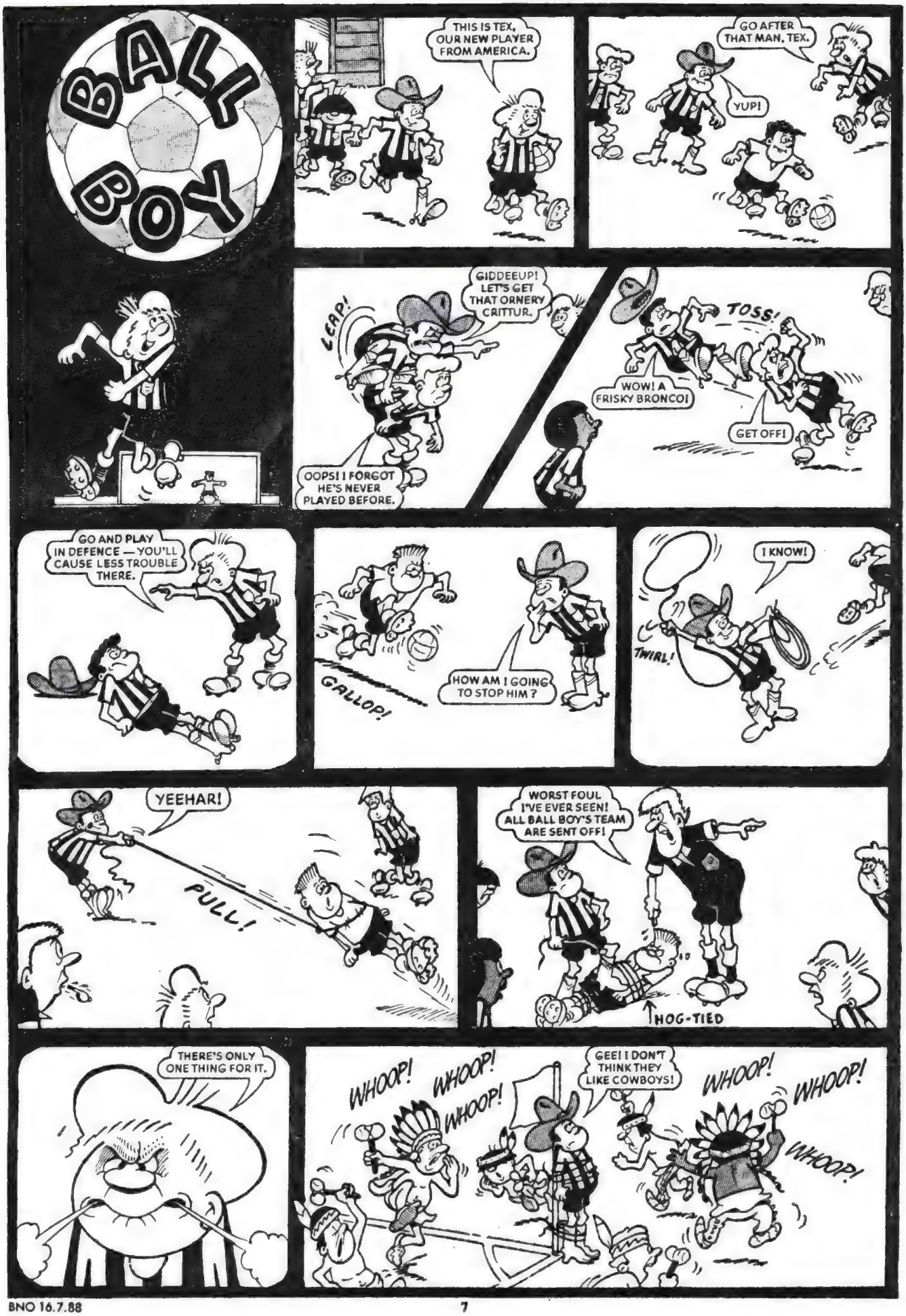
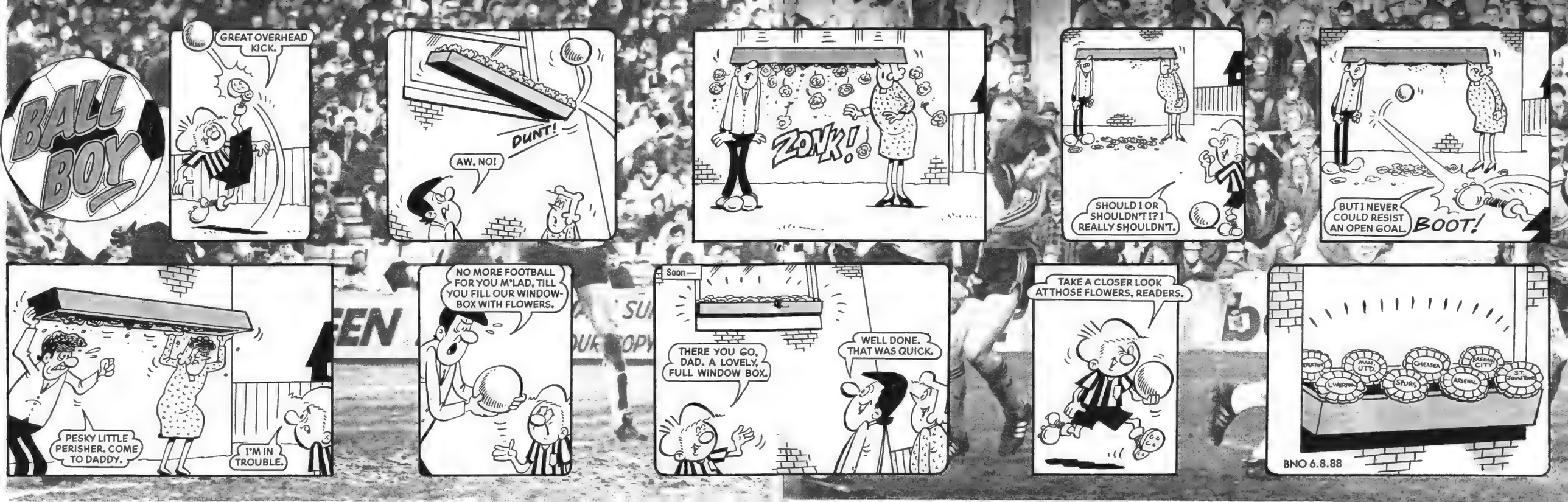
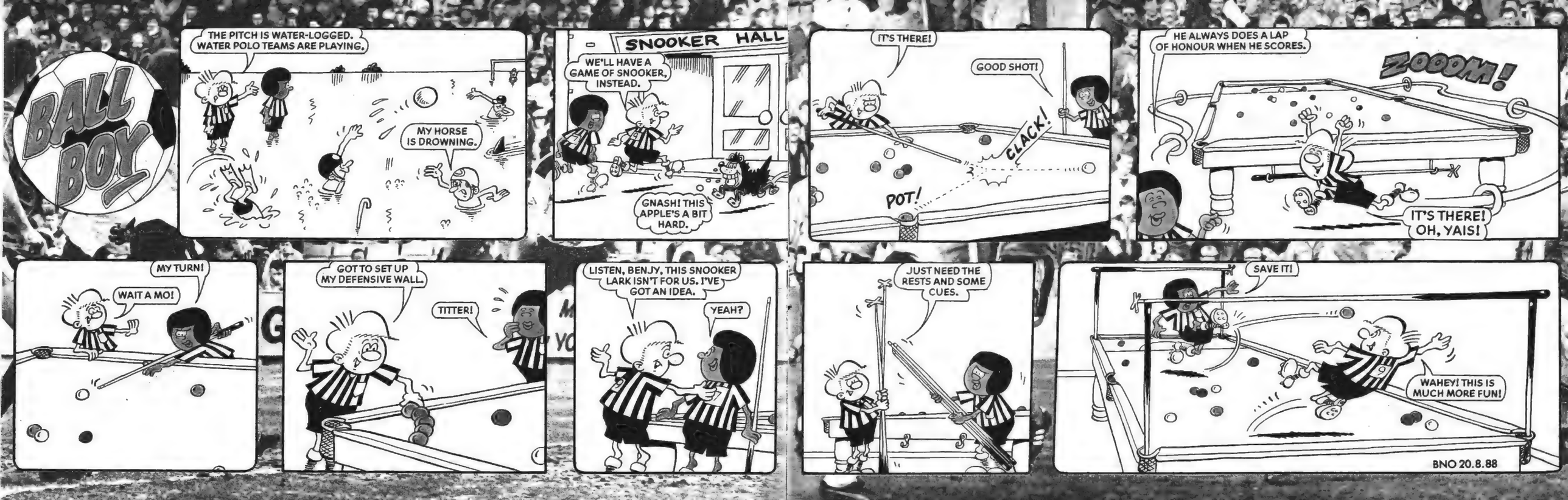

BALL BOY
THIS IS TEX, OUR NEW PLAYER FROM AMERICA.
GO AFTER THAT MAN, TEX.
YUP!
GIDDEEUP! LET'S GET THAT ORNERY CRITTUR.
LEAP!
OOPS! I FORGOT HE'S NEVER PLAYED BEFORE.
TOSS!
WOW! A FRISKY BRONCO!
GET OFF!
GO AND PLAY IN DEFENCE — YOU'LL CAUSE LESS TROUBLE THERE.
GALLOP!
HOW AM I GOING TO STOP HIM?
I KNOW!
TWIRL!
YEEHAR!
PULL!
WORST FOUL I'VE EVER SEEN! ALL BALL BOY'S TEAM ARE SENT OFF!
HOG-TIED
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR IT.
WHOOP!
WHOOP!
WHOOP!
GEE! I DON'T THINK THEY LIKE COWBOYS!
WHOOP!
WHOOP!
WHOOP!

BALL BOY
SINCE IT'S "THE BEANO'S" 50TH BIRTHDAY — WE'RE WEARING 50-YEAR-OLD STRIPS TODAY.
COME OUT, TEAM — THE READERS WANT TO SEE YOU.
BLUSH!
BEAM!
BLUSH!
BEAM!
BLUSH!
BEAM!
BLUSH!
BEAM!
PRETTY GOOD, EH?
ONE FINAL TOUCH.
BRYLCREAM
GLEAM
GLOW
SHINE
ALL PLAYERS HAD GREASED HAIR IN THOSE DAYS.
DAZZLE
I WONDER WHY THEY WORE SUCH CLUMPY BOOTS?
THROB!
BOOT!
OUCH! NOW I KNOW! HEAVY BALLS!
WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE TO HEAD?
OUCH!
HMM! NOT EASY TO PULL UP SOMEONE WITH GREASED HAIR.
SLIP!
SLIP!
I KNOW WHY "THE BEANO" WAS INVENTED NOW . . .
. . . PEOPLE NEEDED SOMETHING TO CHEER THEM UP AFTER PLAYING FOOTBALL IN THAT GEAR.
RUBBISH
BEANO
THE BEANO


BALL BOY
GREAT OVERHEAD KICK.
DUNT!
AW, NO!
ZONK!
SHOULD I OR SHOULDN'T I? I REALLY SHOULDN'T.
BUT I NEVER COULD RESIST AN OPEN GOAL.
BOOT!
PESKY LITTLE PERISHER. COME TO DADDY.
I'M IN TROUBLE.
NO MORE FOOTBALL FOR YOU M'LAD, TILL YOU FILL OUR WINDOW-BOX WITH FLOWERS.
Soon—
THERE YOU GO, DAD. A LOVELY, FULL WINDOW BOX.
WELL DONE. THAT WAS QUICK.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THOSE FLOWERS, READERS.
LIVERPOOL
MAN UTD
SPURS
CHELSEA
ARSENAL
BRIGHTON CITY
ST. JOHNSTONE
BNO 6.8.88

BALL BOY
LET'S GO IN HERE FOR LUNCH.
FOOTBALLER'S RESTAURANT
OH, DEAR. A REF. AND HE'S GOING FOR HIS BOOK.
MENU
RIGHT, SIR. WHAT'S YOUR ORDER?
PIE AND CHIPS, TWICE, PLEASE.
MENU
FUMBLE
EEKS!
DIVE!!
OOPS! DROPPED THEM.
GRR! FUME!
BRING ON THE TRAINER.
A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER!
MENU
TWO PIE AND CHIPS, CHEF!
KITCHEN
BOOT!
HERE THEY COME! HERE THEY COME! HERE THEY COME!
PHWEEP! GOALIE TO TABLE 12.
GOT TO CATCH 'EM.
DON'T WORRY, SIR. THIS DOES HAPPEN A LOT.
BNO 13.8.88
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY TRAINERS CARRIED SPONGES.
HOLD ON, SIR. SOON BE CLEAN.


BALL BOY
THE PITCH IS WATER-LOGGED. WATER POLO TEAMS ARE PLAYING.
MY HORSE IS DROWNING.
SNOOKER HALL
WE'LL HAVE A GAME OF SNOOKER, INSTEAD.
GNASH! THIS APPLE'S A BIT HARD.
IT'S THERE!
GOOD SHOT!
CLACK!
POT!
HE ALWAYS DOES A LAP OF HONOUR WHEN HE SCORES.
ZOOOM!
IT'S THERE! OH, YAIS!
MY TURN!
WAIT A MO!
GOT TO SET UP MY DEFENSIVE WALL.
TITTER!
LISTEN, BENJY, THIS SNOOKER LARK ISN'T FOR US. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
YEAH?
JUST NEED THE RESTS AND SOME CUES.
SAVE IT!
WAHEY! THIS IS MUCH MORE FUN!
BNO 20.8.88

BALL BOY
IT'S THE FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON. I'VE GOT TO PICK THE TEAM.
WE'LL HAVE AL STOPPEM IN GOAL. HE'S AN ACE GOALIE.
SORRY, BALL BOY. I'VE GROWN SO MUCH SINCE LAST SEASON, THE STRIP IS TOO SMALL.
WELL, HE CAN'T PLAY.
THERE'S NORMAN, OUR RIGHT WINGER.
ZOOM!
ZIP!
WHOOSH!
HE'S AS SKILLFUL AS EVER.
HELP!
OR MAYBE KNOT.
SCORE!
STILL, THERE'S ALWAYS BENJY. HE'S GONE HOME TO GET HIS PADS.
COULDN'T FIND MY FOOTBALL PADS — WILL THESE DO?
AW, NO!
I'M TEN MEN SHORT OF A TEAM. WHO CAN I GET TO PLAY FOR ME?
THERE! MY NEW TEAM IS READY FOR ACTION.
ERM . . . FANCY A GAME OF TABLE FOOTBALL, ANYONE?
BNO 27.8.88

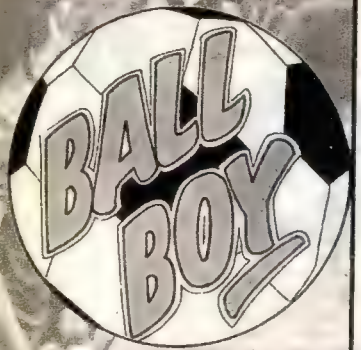
BALL BOY
LIVERPOOL GOT INTO THE CHARTS WITH THEIR POP RECORD.
TRILL! WARBLE!
RECORDING STUDIO
LET'S MAKE A RECORD, TEAM.
B-B-B-BALL BOY. B-B-B-BALL BOY.
COO! GREAT RAPPING, BENJY.
ONLY BECAUSE I'M PUTTING ICE DOWN HIS SHIRT.
WHEN YOU WALK . . .
. . . YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE!
YOU WILL, BALL BOY — YOUR SINGING'S ROTTEN. WE'RE OFF.
BAH! MAKE THIS RECORD ALONE, THEY MEAN.
BNO 3.9.88
WE, ER . . . I AM THE CHAMPION . . .
CRASH!
CRASH!
CRASH!
TINKLE
TINKLE
CRASH!
CRASH!
WAIL!
HOWL!
RECORD
ERM . . . I DID MAKE A RECORD, READERS.
WELL, DONE. YOU SET A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR SMASHING WINDOWS WITH YOUR VOICE.
ROY CASTLE
BALL BOY
CORD

BALL BOY
OH, NO. IT'S KENNEL DOGLEASH.
HE'S BEATEN OUR WHOLE TEAM. HE'S FAR TOO GOOD FOR US.
HIS OVERHEAD NOSE SHOT WILL BEAT OUR GOALIE NO PROBLEMS.
AND SINCE THAT DOG PLAYS WITH HIS NOSE . . .
. . . THIS DEODORANT SHOULD KEEP HIM AWAY FROM THE BALL.
SNIFF! SNIFF! GURROWLL!
WHAT'S HE DIGGING A HOLE FOR?
BNO 10.9.88
HE'S BURYING THE BALL.
NOW WHAT WILL WE DO? WE'VE NO BALL.
FORTUNATELY KENNEL BROUGHT HIS OWN BALL, AND WE'RE GETTING TO USE IT.
BUT, IT'S A DOGGY-BALL AND HE'S STILL TOO GOOD FOR US.
TINKLE!

BALL BOY
HEAD IT!
WILL DO.
WOOPS!
ISSS!
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE ABOUT PLAYING WITH YOUR HAIR SPIKED. WE CAN'T PLAY WITH THIS BALL.
SORRY, BALL BOY.
BETTER GO AND GET A NEW BALL.
CHANGING ROOMS
NO BALLS. WHAT WILL I DO?
SORRY NO BALLS
YOU NEED HAVE NO FEAR, THE BALL FAIRY (THAT'S ME) IS HERE.
COUGH! YOUR EXHAUST NEEDS CLEANING.
I NEED A BALL.
AS YOU WISH, YOU'LL HAVE A BALL, IT REALLY IS, NO BOTHER AT ALL.
ZAP!
HERE GOES.
TWIT!
I'M VERY SORRY, I HAVE TO SAY, BUT YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER, ANYWAY.
THANKS, FAIRY.
YOU'VE GOT A BALL, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERED, BUT AS FOR ME, I'M COMPLETELY SHATTERED.
LOOK WHAT THE BALL FAIRY GAVE ME. SHE ARRIVED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE AND—
BALL FAIRY? HE'S NOT WELL.
PRESSURE'S TOO MUCH FOR HIM.
ILL.
POOR OLD BALL BOY.
HUH! ALL THAT BOTHER AND I DON'T EVEN GET TO KICK THE BLOOMING BALL.
HOME FOR OVERWORKED FOOTBALLERS
BNO 17.9.88

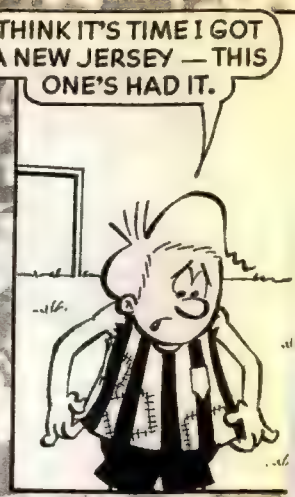
BALL BOY
LOOK AT THAT! THE USELESS LUMP'S LET IT THROUGH HIS LEGS.
WHAT A CLOWN!
IN MY DAY—I WAS BETTER THAN ALL THE MODERN GOALIES.
BUT GOALIES CATCH THE BALL ONE-HANDED THESE DAYS.
IN MY DAY, I CAUGHT THE BALL NO-HANDED.
NO-HANDED? COO! THAT'S—
—IMPOSSIBLE! WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH.
I WAS SO GOOD I CAUGHT THE BALL IN MY TEETH.
BNO 24.9.88
AND MY REFLEXES WERE SO GOOD I COULD PLAY IN TWO GOALS AT ONE TIME.
BOASTER!
YOU KNOW, DAD WAS RIGHT. HIS REFLEXES ARE GOOD . . .
. . . CHUCKLE. THEY HAVE TO BE!
WASTING TIME OVER FOOTBALL STORIES, EH? I'LL SHOW YOU!
S-SO SORRY, MUM. I'LL DO THE GARDEN NOW.

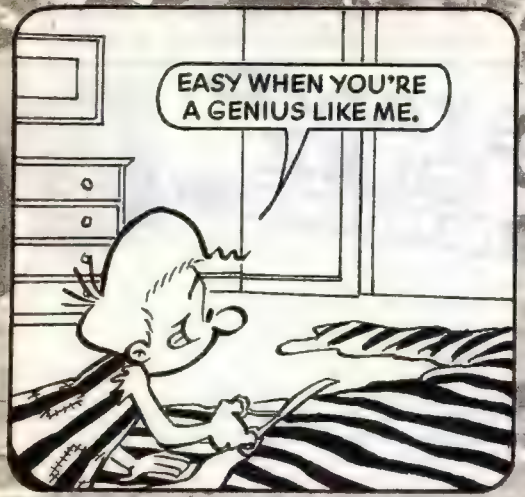
BALL BOY
T.V. STUDIOS
I'M GOING TO BE INTERVIEWED ON GRANDSTAND TODAY, READERS.
STUDIO
I'LL JUST GO STRAIGHT IN.
YEEKS! MUST BE THE WEATHER STUDIOS.
AND TODAY IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER SCORCHER.
THIS MUST BE THE STUDIO I WANT.
WAAH! THIS IS DOCTOR WHO'S STUDIO.
EXTERMINATE!
BEST SLIME
WELL, THAT'S NOT RIGHT, EITHER.
AT LAST, I'VE FOUND IT.
MAKE UP
GRANDSTAND
I'M HERE — A LITTLE LATE, BUT . . .
AND NOW, SINCE BALL BOY HASN'T TURNED UP—
— WE WILL INTERVIEW FRANK BRUNO.
HOWL!
WHERE'S 'ARRY?
OO! TAKE ME TO HOSPITAL.
SORRY, MATE.
NO NEED TO TAKE YOU TO HOSPITAL. LOOK WHAT'S BEING FILMED IN HERE.
GROAN.
NOW RECORDING "CASUALTY"
DES


BALL BOY

I'M PRACTISING MY THROW-IN ACTION.

ERK!


THINK IT'S TIME I GOT A NEW JERSEY — THIS ONE'S HAD IT.


EASY WHEN YOU'RE A GENIUS LIKE ME.

POO. ONCE I GET RID OF THE FLEAS, THIS WILL BE FINE.

Later—
I'M PLAYING IN MY NEW SHIRT TODAY!

GROAN! NOT A PENNY IN THE KITTY.

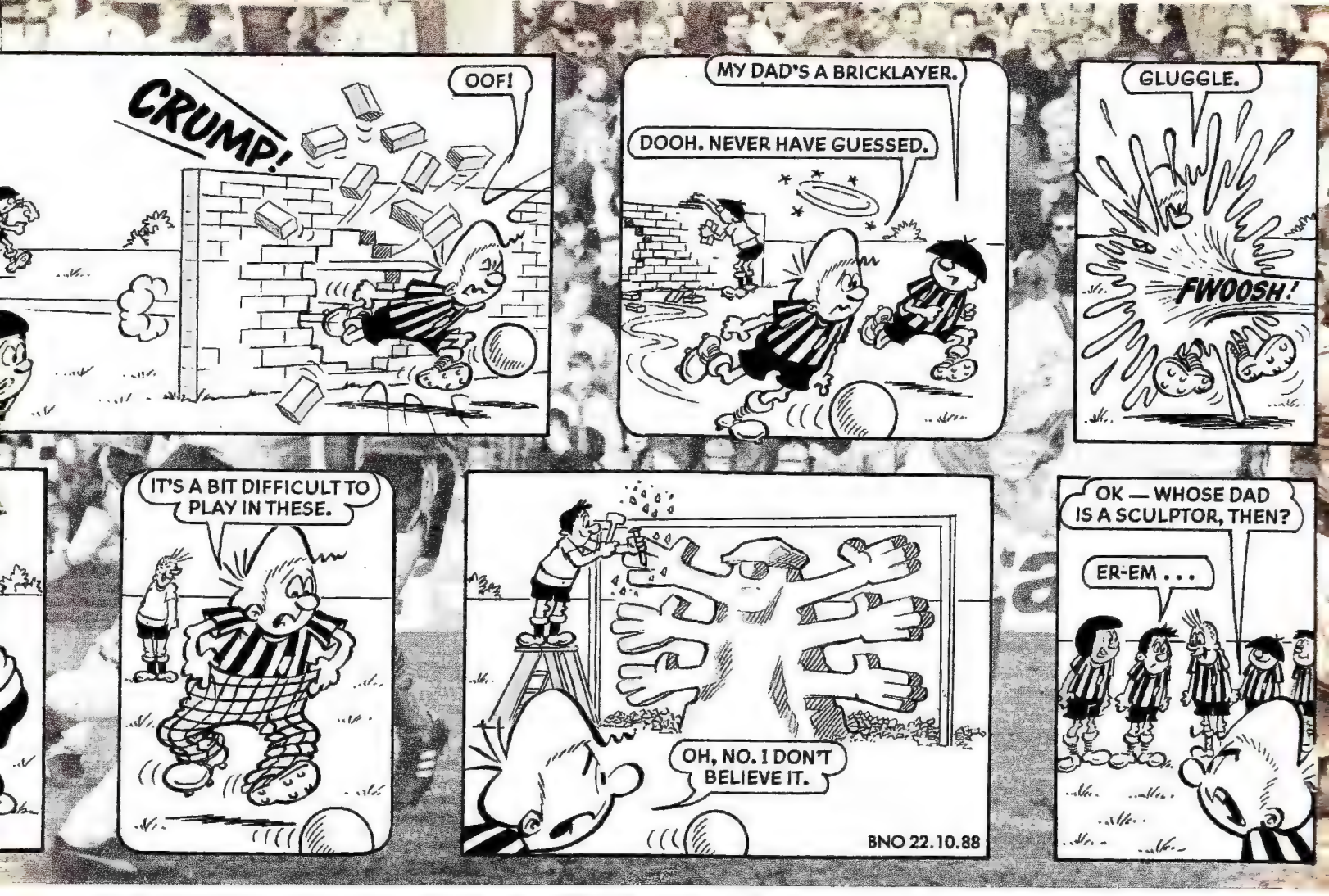
Soon—
TIME I HAD A CLEAR OUT, WHAT!
THAT'LL DO FOR ME.

EEK! WHAT'S HAPPENED? I'M NOT MOVING.

HUMPH! MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE REMOVED THE TAIL.
BNO 8.10.88

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST THE HARDEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE TODAY!
HEADS!
GRUNT! UG!
HAVEN'T BEEN TACKLED YET!
RUMBLE!
RUMBLE!
CRUNCH!
GROAN! THIS IS GOING TO BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!
Half time—
WE'RE NOT DOING WELL, BUT FEAR NOT — I HAVE A PLOT!
TROGS 29
BALLBOY 0
SORRY, PAL — YOU'RE GOING OFF INJURED!
BUT I'M NOT INJURED!
YOU ARE NOW!
OUCH!
So—
WE'RE BRINGING ON OUR SUB—NUMBER 13.
NUMBER 13? THOSE MONSTERS FROM THAT "BEANO" STORY DON'T FRIGHTEN US.
BNO 15.10.88
NOT THAT NO. 13 . . . THIS 13 . . .
HELLO!
YEEKS!
HO-HO! MATCH ABANDONED. I KNEW CALAMITY JAMES WOULD WRECK THE PLACE. ONE POINT EACH TEAM!

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST OUR DADS IN A CHALLENGE MATCH TODAY.
I'M OFF FOR A MAZY DRIBBLE.
MY DAD'S A FIREMAN.
BAH!
HOWL!
AND MY DAD'S A STREET SWEEPER.
MY DAD IS A CLOTHES DESIGNER.


CRUMP!
OOF!
MY DAD'S A BRICKLAYER.
DOOH. NEVER HAVE GUESSED.
GLUGGLE.
FWOOSH!
IT'S A BIT DIFFICULT TO PLAY IN THESE.
OH, NO. I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
BNO 22.10.88
OK — WHOSE DAD IS A SCULPTOR, THEN?
ER-EM . . .

BALL BOY
GOOD GRIEF, WE'RE SLOW.
I MUST GET THEM TO RUN FASTER SOMEHOW.
YIKES!
GNASH!
GNASH!
HO-HO! GNASHER WILL DO ANYTHING FOR A POUND OF SAUSAGES.
EEK! LEAVE MY HAND, GNASHER.
CHOMP!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT — THEY'RE EVEN SLOWER THAN BEFORE.
THIS IS THE LAST RESORT. THEY'LL BE MUCH FASTER WEARING THESE ROLLERSKATES.
THESE ARE BRILL. THEY'RE REALLY FAST.
JUST ONE PROBLEM, THOUGH . . .
. . . NO BRAKES! HOWL!
CRASH!
YOU CAN'T KICK WITH THEM, EITHER.
BNO 29.10.88
STEAMING TWIT.
YOU AND YOUR BRIGHT IDEAS.
GET HIM!
SHEESH! THEY'RE ALL QUICK ENOUGH, NOW.

BALL BOY
IT'S A BIT NIPPY TODAY, BALL BOY.
RUBBISH.
LOOK.
EH?
WELL, MAYBE YOU COULD BE RIGHT.
CH-CH-CHATTER.
HOT BREATH BLAST!
LUCKILY, I HAD A SUPER-HOT VINDALOO CURRY LAST NIGHT.
DEFROSTED!
LET'S PLAY FOOTBALL.
WE CAN'T. OUR FEET ARE STILL FROZEN TO THE PITCH.
BNO 5.11.88
YOU'RE ALL FLAMING HOPELESS! I CAN'T TRUST YOU AT ALL!
OH-OH! THAT STEAM LOOKS NASTY.
DEAR ME. THAT STEAM HAS COOLED . . .
. . . AND TURNED INTO A CLOUD . . .
. . . CONTAINING HAILSTONES.
HOWL!
HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WAS NIPPY.
NOW HE'S OUT COLD!

BALL BOY
FOOTBALL FURNITURE STORE
MUST SEE WHAT THEY'VE GOT.
WOW! THEY'VE EVEN GOT A TURNSTYLE!
HELLO! I'M MR PILKINGTON. CAN I HELP YOU?
WE HAVE THIS LOVELY RUG . . .
. . . THESE SUPERB NET CURTAINS . . .
WOW!
. . . AND HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A BEDSIDE LAMP?
OR THIS MARVELLOUS CLOCK!
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT IT?
PEEP! PEEP! PEEP!
THAT!
TERRIFIC!
I'LL TAKE THE CLOCK!
BNO 12.11.88
YE-E-ES!
. . . ONE PILKINGTON, THERE'S ONLY ONE PILKINGTON!
THEY CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO CELEBRATE A SALE!

BALL BOY
TUM-TI-TUM.
FANCY A GAME, BALL BOY?
EH?
NO — I CAN'T. I'M GOING TO THE PICTURES TONIGHT.
BALL BOY MISSING FOOTBALL TO GO TO THE PICTURES? I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
LET'S FOLLOW HIM.
HE'S MEETING A — GULP — G-GIRL.
GROAN! I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
A PROMISING CAREER — RUINED!
TODAY
Covey Dovey
EH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'VE WALKED PAST THE CINEMA.
MUDCHESTER F.C.
THIS GETS ODDER AND ODDER.
BNO 19.11.88
MUDCHESTER ARE SHOWING THEIR AWAY GAME ON THE BIG SCREEN. FLORENCE WON TWO TICKETS IN A RAFFLE.
GET INTO THEM!

BALL BOY
OUT! AND NEVER DARKEN OUR DOORSTEP AGAIN.
BANK
THE TEAM IS ABSOLUTELY SKINT.
HMM. ALL THE MAJOR TEAMS HAVE SPONSORS.
Soon—
I'VE GOT A SPONSORSHIP DEAL LINED UP FOR US.
LINED UP IS RIGHT — THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO READ OUR SPONSOR'S NAME.
EXTRA SUPER MARVO FIZZY POP
GO FOR THE BALL, PAL.
MARVO FIZZY POP
WE'VE GOT TO PLAY LIKE THIS TO KEEP OUR SPONSOR'S NAME IN VIEW.
EXTRA SUPER MARVO FIZZY POP
SHUFFLE!
KEEP IN LINE WHILE HE HEADS IT, LADS.
EXTRA SUPER MARVO FIZZY POP
SORRY, LADS! MAYBE STANDING IN A LINE IS A BAD IDEA.
OUCH!
OOCHA!
OW!
CRASH!
FIZZY POP HAVE STOPPED SPONSORING US, BUT WE'VE GOT A NEW SPONSOR.
STICKOPLAST MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE OUR NEW SPONSORS.
STICKO
BNO 26.11.88

BALL BOY
WE'RE NOT DOING TOO WELL, TEAM.
WE'RE NOT DOING BADLY.
NOT DOING BADLY? HAVE YOU SEEN OUR RESULTS?
GIRLS 14
BALLET 13
OAPS 12
US 0
US.0_GIRLS 40
US.0_OAPS 21
US.0_BALLET DANCERS 12
IT'S TIME FOR SOME NEW PLAYERS. I'M HOLDING TRIALS.
AND WE'RE THE TRIALLISTS.
OKAY, LET'S SEE YOUR SLIDING TACKLE.
ERM . . . RIGHTO!
THERE YOU GO, BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS GOING FISHING?
FISHING TACKLE? USELESS TWIT.
GIZZA GAME, BALL BOY. GO ON.
WHO SAID THAT? I'M HEARING THINGS.
OH, YOU'RE DOWN THERE.
YES, AND I'M A GREAT PLAYER . . . WATCH.
I'VE GOT LOADS OF SKILL.
OOH! I FEEL DIZZY.
AND I'VE GOT A ROCKET SHOT.
CALL MY MUM. I DON'T FEEL WELL.
GREAT.
YOU'RE A GREAT PLAYER — SIGN HERE.
CONTRACT
SIGN? I'VE GOT TO SIGN?
SORRY. I CAN'T PLAY FOR YOU. I HAVEN'T LEARNT HOW TO WRITE YET.
BNO 3.12.88

BALL BOY
ALL THE TOP TEAMS HAVE FOREIGN PLAYERS NOW. TOTTENHAM, RANGERS, DUNDEE UNITED, BOGNOR REGIS ATHLETIC . . .
DAILY LIAR
ANOTHER FOREIGN STAR SIGNS
. . . AND I KNOW WHY.
FOR A START, THEY NEVER GET BOOKED.
PHWEEP! COME HERE, NUMBER 4.
LET'S HAVE YOUR NAME.
ZOLTAN NIXO ZBIGNYOVIC.
EH? OH, WELL. I'LL LET YOU OFF THIS TIME — DON'T DO IT AGAIN.
SEE?
FOREIGNERS SCORE LOTS OF GOALS, TOO.
GET ZBOG-NO-ER — BOGGSY — NO —
GET WHO?
HIM!
WAHEY!
BNO 10.12.88
JUST ONE LITTLE PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN PLAYERS . . .
OOSHKA BUSHKA MEE SKI.
HE SAYS, "PASS TO ME".
NOTSKI NELLISKI
B.A.L.L. . . . BALL.
NO CHANCE.
THE PITCH GETS A BIT CROWDED WITH TRANSLATORS.

BALL BOY
A game of football — but where is Ball Boy?
I'M HIDING IN HERE, SO BUTTON IT.
Who could Ball Boy be hiding from?
The Truant Officer, maybe?
TRUANT
OF COURSE NOT. IT'S SATURDAY.
HELLO, BALL BOY.
Saturday, that's —
— Bathday.
MY BATHDAY! GET OUT!
Who, then?
FLORENCE . . . MY GIRLFRIEND.
AHA! FOUND HIM.
THERE YOU ARE. MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE HERE. YOU SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR TEAM THAN YOU DO WITH ME. RANT! NAG! RAVE!
BNO 17.12.88
DON'T WORRY, FLO. I'VE GOT AN IDEA TO HELP US SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER.
YOU DEAR, YOU.
THIS ISN'T FUNNY, SHRIMPO. THIS ISN'T FUNNY AT ALL.
TITTER. YOU MARK HIM, FLORENCE.

BALL BOY
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TEAM?
WE'RE NOT HAPPY, BALL BOY.
WE'RE WINNING GAMES AGAIN, TEAM. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
WINS
FLORENCE IS OUR TOP SCORER — AND SHE'S A G-GIRL.
SHE SCORES GREAT GOALS WITH HER HEAD.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE BALL GETS CAUGHT IN HER NEW HAIRDO . . .
. . . AND PEOPLE CAN'T GET AT IT.
UG! UG! MUTILATE! GRUNT!
OH-OH!
BNO 31.12.88
YOU WOULDN'T TACKLE A LADY, WOULD YOU?
ER . . . UM . . . ER . . . NO.
NOT BAD, EH?
CRUNCH!
BUT THIS LADY WILL TACKLE YOU.
BUT SHE WON'T LET US DO SLIDING TACKLES IN MUD.
THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR THAT.
FLORENCE JUST REFUSES TO PLAY WITH AN UNTIDY TEAM.
NOT A SPECK OF DIRT . . . GOOD.
GLEAM!

BALL BOY
IT'S A HARD LIFE BEING A MANAGER. THERE'S A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY.
I'VE GOT TO ORGANISE TRANSPORT FOR THE TEAM.
HOME 0 AWAY 17
PUFF! THE PLAYERS AREN'T TOO FOND OF AWAY MATCHES. WHEEZE!
AND AFTER THE JOURNEY WE NEVER FEEL LIKE PLAYING A GAME.
MOAN!
GROAN!
NEXT, I HAVE TO PICK THE TEAM.
SORRY, CHARLIE. YOU'RE DROPPED.
AW.
DON'T THINK YOU'VE MET MY BIG BROTHER.
DEAR ME! WHAT A MISTAKE. MEANT TO SAY THAT YOU'RE OUR STAR PLAYER.
FRED, YOU'RE OUT THIS WEEK.
IS THAT A FACT?
IN THAT CASE, I'M GOING HOME AND I'M TAKING MY BALL.
STROLL ON! OKAY, YOU'RE PLAYING, FRED.
THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON I COULD DROP — ME. AND THERE'S WORSE TO COME.
GO TEAM, GO! GO TEAM, GO! OUR SUBSTITUTE HAS TO ACT AS OUR CHEERLEADER.
BNO 7/1/89

BALL BOY
YOUR HAIR IS A DISGRACE, BALL BOY.
I'LL GET IT CUT STRAIGHT AWAY, FLORENCE.
BALL BOY'S GIRLFRIEND
GIVE ME A REAL FOOTBALLER'S HAIR STYLE.
RIGHTO.
Soon—
I'VE GOT HAIR JUST LIKE RUUD GULLIT.
BARBERS
AND HE'S GREAT AT HEADING THE BALL.
YOWCH! EXCEPT WHEN HE'S BESIDE THE POST!
LUCKILY THIS WAS JUST A WIG TO SEE IF I LIKED IT.
TRY AGAIN — THE RUUD GULLIT LOOK DIDN'T WORK.
BNO 14/1/89
SNIP
NOPE!
SNICK
NO!
CUT
?
NO WAY!
I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE FOOTBALLER'S LOOK FOR YOU, SIR.
SUPPOSE SO.
YES, SIR, THE JIMMY GREAVES LOOK IS JUST THE ONE FOR YOU.
WELL, IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME, YOU KNOW.

BALL BOY
I'VE BEEN CALLED UP BY THE F.A.
WH-WHAT'S THIS, ONE WONDERS?
RUMBLE
SHUDDER!
SHAKE!
WHEEZE! IT'S NO GOOD. I CAN'T GO ON!
HE'S NO GOOD! MAKE A GREAT WRESTLER, THOUGH.
EXCUSE ME, MISS. WHICH WAY TO THE—
I'M NOT A MISS!
SPEAK UP, LASS, I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
TWIT!
I'M NOT A FLAMING GIRL!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO, THEN?
THAT WAS GREAT, BALL BOY. THANKS.
NO PROBLEM!
BNO 21/1/89
NEW REFEREE TESTING TODAY...
WHY IS IT ALWAYS BLOKES LIKE THEM WHO WANT TO BE REFEREES?

BALL BOY
WE'RE A PLAYER SHORT. WONDER IF ANYONE FANCIES A GAME?
SPORTS CENTRE
I'LL HAVE A GO.
PITCH IS A BIT DRY, THOUGH.
SCOOSH!
THAT'S NO GOOD. WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PITCH, NOW.
THIS IS MUCH BETTER.
I'LL HAVE A GAME.
EH?
THIS IS SO EASY!
YAARGH!
SEE?
WHUMP!
— 9 — 10 — YOU'RE OUT!
HOPELESS!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL GET ANYONE.
YOWCH!
CLATTER!
BNO 28/1/89
SORRY, BALL BOY.
OOH! I FORGOT THE BOWLS CHAMP WAS HERE, TOO.

BALL BOY
COME ON, FLORENCE, IT'S TIME FOR THE GAME.
WHAT?
IT'S SNOWING, TWERP . . . HEAVILY!
NOT THAT HEAVILY.
OH, NO? PEOPLE HAVE BUILT SNOWMEN IN MY GARDEN — LOOK.
ER . . . THEY'RE NOT SNOWMEN . . .
. . . THEY'RE OUR TEAM.
THAT SETTLES IT!
I'M NOT GOING OUT IN ALL THAT HORRID COLD SNOW. I'M STAYING IN TO DRESS MY DOLLS — AND THAT'S FINAL.
SORRY, FLORENCE, BUT WE'RE A PLAYER SHORT FOR THE TEAM.
MUMMFLE!
BNO 4/2/89
THE OPPOSITION IS CERTAINLY READY FOR US.
NOT SURE IF WE'RE READY FOR THEM, THOUGH. WE'RE STUCK!
THIS IS GREAT. SUITS ME JUST FINE . . .
. . . I STILL GET TO PLAY DRESSING UP AND YOUR BLUSHES KEEP ME NICE AND WARM.
GLOW
BLUSH
BEAM
OH, THE SHAME OF IT!

BALL BOY
I'M THROUGH AND I'M GOING TO SCORE.
Suddenly —
SORRY, BALL BOY, BUT I'VE GOT A SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR YOU.
INTERNATIONAL CALL-UP
SPURS MANAGER'S JOB
TEA-BOY AT LIVERPOOL
WHAT IS IT, ONE WONDERS?
WHEEZE! THANKS — IT'S HUGE.
BALLBOY, PLAYING FIELDS, BEANOTOWN
ERK! IT CAN'T BE!
WHAT IS IT? THE ENGLAND MANAGER'S JOB, MAYBE?
NO — IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THAT.
HA HA
HA HA
YEUCH! IT'S A SOPPY VALENTINE'S CARD. FLORENCE MUST HAVE SENT IT.
FROM GUESS WHO?
Soon —
FLORENCE — I'VE GOT A CARD FOR YOU . . .
OH, GOODY!
. . . A RED CARD! OFF FOR EMBARRASSING ME.

BALL BOY
Why are you so sad, Ball Boy?
WE'VE GOT A NEW SPORTS TEACHER . . .
. . . AND HE HATES FOOTBALL.
RIGHT, LADS, VOLLEYBALL TODAY.
NO FOOTBALL ALLOWED
BAH. I'VE HAD MORE FUN WATCHING PAINT DRY.
HMM. I KNOW JUST HOW TO LIVEN THINGS UP.
GOOD HEADER!
PHWEEP. STOP THAT.
WE'LL SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT TABLE TENNIS.
HUH, WE CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL WITH THIS TINY BALL.
GOOD THING WE BROUGHT OUR TABLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS.
I DON'T FLAMING BELIEVE IT!
Later—
GOOD. NOT A BALL IN SIGHT.
THIS IS FUN!
OH, NO! THEY'RE WATCHING A MATCH!
TACKLE HIM, CRUNCHER!
REPORT TO THE SWIMMING POOL AT ONCE.
HOWL!
YOWP!
GASP! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
YES!
SWIMMING POOL
THANKS, SIR!
I FORGOT THE POOL WAS BEING CLEANED TODAY.
GREAT SAVE, GOALIE!

BALL BOY
A LETTER FOR YOU, BALL BOY.
THANKS, POSTIE.
COO! WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO PLAY IN AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.
So—
THIS IS THE PLACE.
THE NORWEGIANS ARE HERE, I SEE.
SNOW MACHINE
HERE COME OUR FIRST OPPONENTS . . . FRANCE.
FRANCE TO CALL.
GARG!
TAILS, MONSEWER.
STROLL ON! HE'S BEEN EATING GARLIC — LOTS OF IT.
TACKLE HIM!
NO CHANCE! WHAT A PONG OF GARLIC!
ZE WAHEY! IT'S A GOAL!
FAINT!
WHIMPER!
Half-time—
WE'RE BEING WELL BEATEN, TEAM —WE'VE GOT TO BE CUNNING. LISTEN . . .
FRANCE 10 GB0
LOTS OF LOVELY GARLIC, BOYS. EAT IT UP.
GARLIC
What's Ball Boy's plan? Find out only in next week's Beano.

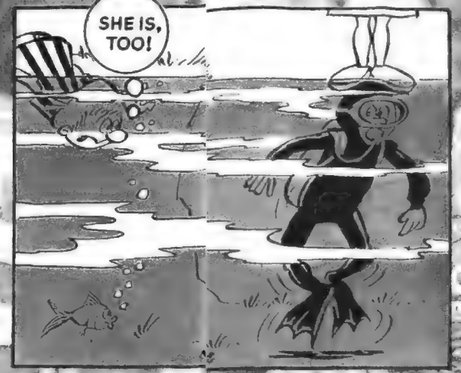
BALL BOY
Last week, we saw Ball Boy's team being beaten by French tactics — and French garlic fumes. How will he overcome this? Read on . . .
I WANT A DOZEN HERE, STRAIGHT AWAY.
THEY'LL BE THERE IN FIVE MINUTES.
What is it, Ball Boy? A new team, maybe?
NO — IT'S EVEN SNEAKIER THAN THAT. IT'S . . .
. . . A GAS MASK SO THAT THE GARLIC STINK DOESN'T GET TO US.
So —
HEADER IT, BALL BOY!
WHAT A HEADER! WHAT A GOAL!
WE'RE ONLY NINE GOALS BEHIND, NOW.
PHWEEP!
WAHEY! WE'VE WON 13-12. YAHOO!
RUMBLE!
OH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE A FAN INVASION.
Suddenly —
YOU POOR LITTLE THING! COME TO MUMMY.
WAAH!
COME ON HOME WITH ME — WE'LL HAVE SOME BUNS.
ZOO
HELP! CALL PROCTOR DOLITTLE! CALL SOMEONE! WAAH!

BALL BOY
AND FINALLY, ON THIS WEEK'S QUITE REMARKABLE "QUESTION OF SPORT", WE HAVE, BALL BOY.
BALL BOY — WHO WON THE LAST WORLD CUP?
THAT'S EASY! I KNOW THAT.
YOU WHAT?
ER . . . SILLY OLD ME. MEANT TO SAY I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE.
BALLBOY'S TEAM
BOXER'S TEAM
NEXT QUESTION — WHO RECOGNISES THIS PERSON ON THE SCREEN?
EEK! I DO! IT'S FLORENCE — MY GIRLFRIEND.
AND WHERE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE JUST NOW?
AT THE PICTURES WITH FLORENCE.
CORRECT, SHRIMP! FULL MARKS.
OW! SORRY, FLO!
THE NEXT QUESTION IS . . . WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
WE KNOW!
BIFF! THUMP! BASH!
FULL MARKS, THERE. ESPECIALLY FOR BALL BOY. QUITE AMAZING.
GROAN! MOAN!
HUMPH!

BALL BOY

CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL TODAY, BALL BOY — THE PITCH IS WATERLOGGED.
RUBBISH — IT'S NOT EVEN COVERING YOUR SHOES.

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M STANDING ON BENJY.
WHAT?


SHE IS, TOO!

LET'S HAVE A GAME OF BASKETBALL, INSTEAD.
OKAY, BUT WE'VE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE.
SPORTS CENTRE

READY TO PLAY, BOYS?
YEP!

I'VE GOT IT!
BOO! NOT FAIR! YOU'RE HANDLING THE BALL!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE THE BALL, FOOL!
OW!

SCORE, BALL BOY!
IT'S A PERFECT CROSS.

OW! BUT THE BALL IS HEAVIER THAN A FOOTBALL.
HOPELESS.

FLORENCE . . . WE HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING IN THE BASKET YET, HAVE WE?
NO.

WELL, WE HAVE NOW!
WAIT TILL I GET DOWN. I'LL CLOBBER YOU!

BALL BOY

BALL BOY IS SURE TO SCORE.
HERE I GO! HERE I GO! HERE I GO!

EH? WHAT'S GOING ON?

EEK! AN EGG!

YOWP!

GREAT CATCH, GOALIE!
WOOFYAH!

SORRY, BALL BOY. ONE OF MY EGGS ROLLED AWAY.
HUMPH!
BALL BOY'S GIRL FRIEND, FLORENCE

THANKS FOR MY CUTE BUNNY EASTER EGG, BY THE WAY.
ER . . . UM . . .

NOW YOU CAN START PAINTING THESE EGGS. MUCH MORE FUN THAN ROTTEN OLD FOOTBALL.

But—
YOU ROTTERS! DIDN'T MEAN THIS!

BAH! SEETHE!
GOOD PRACTICE FOR CLOSE-SKILLS, THIS.

BALL BOY
IT'S SPRING, READERS.
GRASS GROWS REALLY QUICKLY IN SPRING.
SEE WHAT I MEAN? CAN'T EVEN SEE THE BALL NOW.
So—
INDIANA BALL BOY IS OFF IN SEARCH OF THE LOST BALL.
WILL I COME ACROSS A FEARSOME BEAST?
DON'T YOU DARE TALK ABOUT ME THAT WAY.
YOWCH! FLORENCE!
Much later—
PHEW! FOUND THE BALL AT LAST, BUT NOW I'M EXHAUSTED. I'LL HAVE TO BRING ON THE SUB.
BILLY, ON YOU COME!
WHO IS BILLY?
MEET BILLY GOAT —OUR SECRET WEAPON.
CHOMP!
GOOD OLD BILLY— HE'S EATING A PATH THROUGH THE GRASS TO THE GOAL.
MUNCH! CRUNCH!

BALL BOY
WE LOVE SCHOOL — IT'S GREAT!
EH?
READER'S AMAZEMENT
YAHOO! MATHS!
YOWCH!
FORTY-NINE GOALS DIVIDED BY SIX GAMES GIVES AN AVERAGE OF . . .
THIS IS WHY I LOVE MATHS!
In History class —
THE WORLD CUP WAS FIRST PLAYED FOR IN THE YEAR . . .
HISTORY IS GREAT, TOO.
BUT GEOGRAPHY IS MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT.
GEOGRAPHY CLASS
HERE WE HAVE BRAZIL — AND ITALY — THEN WEST GERMANY . . .
CAN WE LOOK AT THE GLOBE, SIR?
GEOGRAPHY IS GREAT FUN!
COO-EE! NEEDLEWORK CLASS IS FINISHED.
OH, NO! MY LEAST FAVOURITE SUBJECT.
GEOGRAPHY CLASS
WHY IS IT MY LEAST FAVOURITE?..
. . . BECAUSE FLORENCE HAS MADE US NEW STRIPS, THAT'S WHY!

BALL BOY
ANYONE AROUND? NO? GOOD.
CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE ME LIKE THIS.
But—
BALL BOY, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT AWFUL COAT?
ERK!
SSHH! DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE ME, FLORENCE.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE I'VE AGREED TO BE A REFEREE, THAT'S WHY.
OH, DEAR! OH, DEAR!
At the match—
PHWEEP! KICK OFF!
Soon—
PENALTY!
GRUNT!
OOYAH!
THAT WAS NEVER A PENALTY!
YES, IT WAS!
AS REFEREE, I GIVE A PENALTY!
YOU KEEP OUT OF THIS!
YEAH! SHUT-UP, SHRIMP!
EEK!
WAS!
WASN'T!
BIFF
BASH
OH-OH! THE RED CARD! HE'S SENDING THEM OFF!
NO, I'M NOT. I'M SENDING MYSELF OFF. BEING A REF IS TOO ROUGH FOR ME!
BELT
CRUNCH

BALL BOY
AHA! HERE COMES OUR TRAINER.
YOWCH!
TRIP
CRUNCH
LOOKS LIKE OUR TRAINER NEEDS A TRAINER.
WHO CAN WE GET TO TAKE HIS PLACE?
COO-EE! NEED ANY HELP.
MUM! THE VERY PERSON.
So—
A GREAT SLIDING TACKLE.
SLIDE
I'M COMING, DEAR.
EH? WHAT'S GOING ON? I'M NOT INJURED.
NO, BUT LOOK AT YOUR KNEE — IT'S FILTHY.
OH, DEAR. I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT A CHILL ON THAT DAMP GRASS.
HERE! SIT ON THIS.
WHEN YOU'RE QUITE READY, MADAM.
OOH! THE SHAME.

BALL BOY
JVC
GO ON, B.B. GIVE ME A GAME!
HMM! ARE YOU ANY GOOD?
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A GREAT DEFENDER I AM.
But—
BENJY'S TOO NIPPY FOR HIM
RUN
I'M A GREAT HEADER OF THE BALL — WATCH!
HO-HO! TOO SLOW!
I'VE GOT A SUPER FAST ROCKET SHOT!
OKAY.
WOW! WHAT A SHOT!
BOOM!
But—
OOPS!
THUNK!
OW!
YOU CAN PLAY TODAY.
AS A STAND-IN GOALIE?
NO! A STAND-IN GOALPOST!

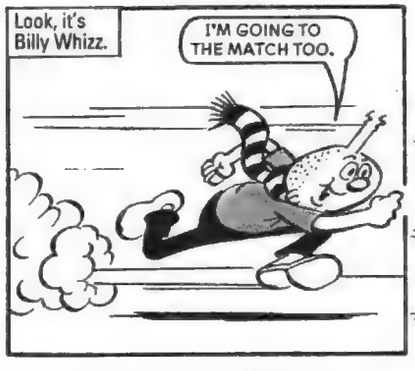
BALLOON

I'M RUNNING ON THE SPOT — BUT SPOT'S NOT TOO KEEN.
PANT!
PUFF!
GOOD FOR THE LUNGS, THIS.

RIGHT! THAT SHOULD BE US FIT ENOUGH.

WE NEED PLENTY OF LUNG POWER FOR THE BLOW-UP THINGS WE TAKE TO THE MATCH.

RIGHT-LET'S GO IN.
MUDCHESTER F.C.


Look, it's Billy Whizz.
I'M GOING TO THE MATCH TOO.

WAH!
WAH!
ZOOM

HANDY THINGS, THESE INFLATABLES —ESPECIALLY WHEN BILLY WHIZZ IS ABOUT.

BALL BOY
COME ON — LET ME CHECK YOUR STUDS BEFORE KICK OFF.
ER . . . WHY'S HE WEARING HIGH-HEELED SHOES?
NO IDEA!
WHEN ROUGH BOYS LIKE THIS TRY TO TACKLE ME..
YARGH!
. . . I CAN DO THAT.
WHOP
AND WHEN BENJY PUTS OVER A HIGH CROSS . . .
. . . I CAN HELP BALL BOY GET TO IT.
AH, WELL! NOTHING IN THE RULES AGAINST IT . . .
. . . YOUR MUM'S NOT TOO HAPPY, THOUGH.
YOU AWFUL BOY! THESE BOOTS YOU LEFT ME DON'T MATCH MY DRESS.

BALL BOY
THAT WAITER USED TO PLAY FOR MUDCHESTER UNITED, BENJY.
NO, HE DID NOT!
BET YOU A PIE HE DID.
YOU'RE ON!
3
ONE PIE, PLEASE.
HERE IT IS.
FLIES FOR SOUP
FIND OUT ON PAGE 23!
WATCH, BENJY.
WOW!
BRILLIANT!
YOU WIN THE BET — THE PIE'S YOURS.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO GET, THOUGH.
HE'S STILL TOO GOOD A FOOTBALLER FOR ME TO GET THE BALL . . . ER . . . PIE OFF!

BALL
BOY

WOW! THAT'S A BIG PICTURE, MISTER.

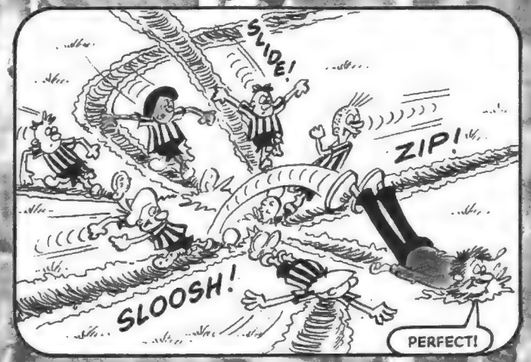
NOT BIG ENOUGH! I WANT TO MAKE A BIGGER ONE!
RIP!
TEAR!

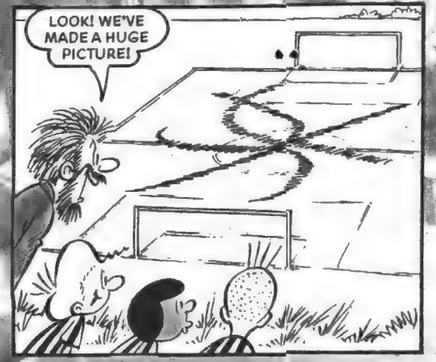
CAN I HAVE YOUR FRAME?
ER . . . OK. WHY?

BECAUSE WE NEED NEW GOALPOSTS.
BONK!

I HAVE AN IDEA!

GO ON — SLIDE TACKLE ME!


SLIDE!
ZIP!
SLOOSH!
PERFECT!


LOOK! WE'VE MADE A HUGE PICTURE!

MUST BUY IT! I'LL GIVE YOU FOUR TRILLION YEN!
THAT MUST BE AT LEAST A POUND! I'LL TAKE IT!

AND NOW WE'VE GOT A PITCH WHERE YOU CAN'T KICK THE BALL OUT OF PLAY.

BALL BOY
OUR GOALIE'S A GREAT JUMPER.
UNFORTUNATELY . . .
. . . HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP.
I'LL HAVE TO STOP HIM DOING THAT IN OUR NEXT GAME.
So—
OK, TEAM — HAND OVER THE RUBBERS FROM YOUR SCHOOLBAGS.
AND I'LL PUT THEM ALL IN HERE.
Then—
BOUNCE!
IT WORKED!
IN FACT IT'S WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN I'D HOPED.
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
THEY'LL NEVER SCORE PAST THAT.

BALL BOY

MUDCHESTER UTD.
ALL EQUIPMENT FOR SALE
TO PAY FOR STRIKER'S HAIRDRESSING BILL
WOW! MUST BUY SOMETHING.

THIS TURNSTILE WAS A BARGAIN.

MIND YOU, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.

SINCE OUR GROUND'S GOT NO WALLS AND WE'VE NO FANS ANYWAY, IT'S NO USE.

I'VE AN IDEA! DIMMY — SPIN IT AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

IDEAL!
SPIN

GOOD, EH?
YES — BUT WHAT FOR?

AS A GOALKEEPER TRAINING MACHINE, OF COURSE.

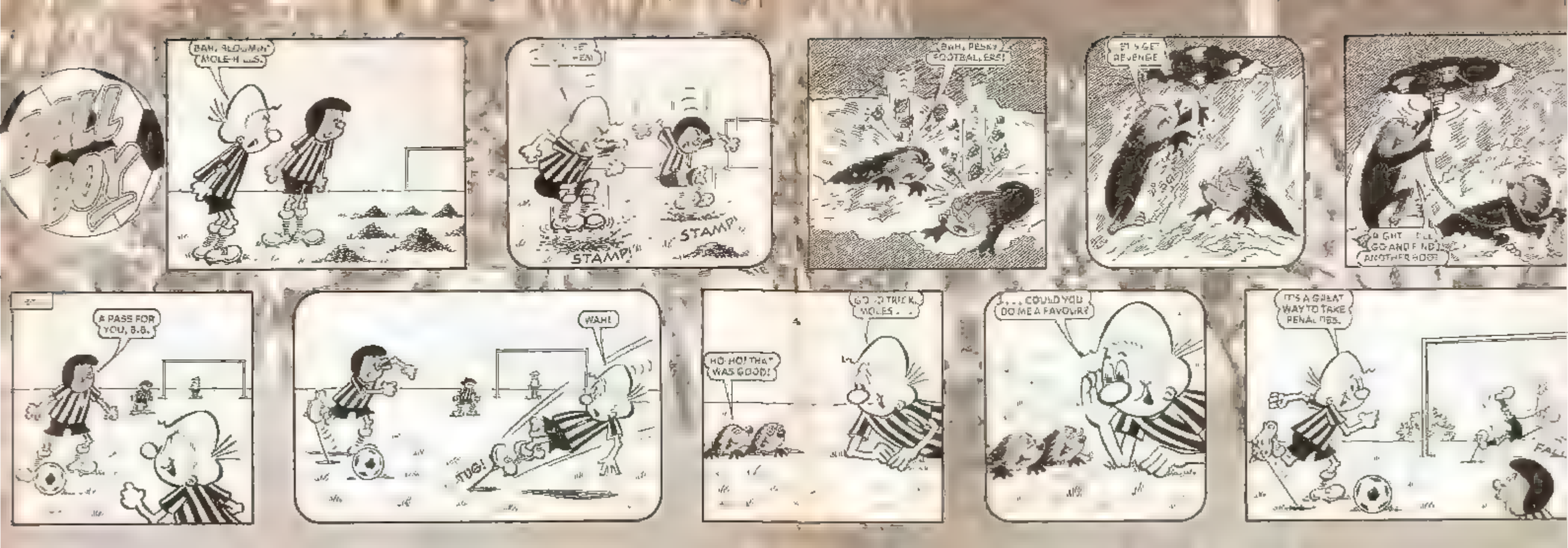
WE'VE STILL GOT A PROBLEM, THOUGH.

COME ON, PAY UP, BALL! I SAW YOU GO THROUGH THE TURNSTILE AND YOU DIDN'T PAY A PENNY!

BALL BOY
THE P.E. TEACHER IS OFF TODAY — SO I'M COACHING YOUR TEAM.
B-BUT YOU'RE A HISTORY TEACHER.
I KNOW LOTS ABOUT FOOTBALL, THOUGH.
LIKE THAT WAS AWFUL DEFENCE!
IN OLDEN DAYS MOATS WERE USED FOR DEFENCE.
DIG
AND IF ANYONE GOT PAST THEM . . .
NOT VERY HOT REALLY
BOILING OIL WAS USED.
HOW CAN WE SCORE GOALS, THOUGH?
So —
STOP! STOP! THIS IS ALL AGAINST THE RULES.
A SIEGE CATAPULT WILL DO IT!
OH, NO! WE'LL ALL BE BOOKED OR SENT OFF!
NO . . .
. . . SINCE YOU'RE BEING HISTORICAL — I'LL USE A HISTORICAL PUNISHMENT.

BALL BOY
HMM! WE'RE A BIT SHORT OF PLAYERS TODAY.
LUCKY I HAD THIS INFLATABLE THAT I TAKE TO WATCH MATCHES WITH ME.
HE'LL DO TO MAKE UP THE NUMBERS.
NOW JUST STAND THERE!
But —
HAVE THE BALL, NEW PLAYER.
NO, DIMMY — HE'S JUST A . . .
OH-OH!
SSS
POP
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
EH?
GREAT RUN!
GREAT GOAL TOO! AND NOT ONLY THAT . . .
. . . HE'S THE EASIEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD TO CHAIR OFF THE PITCH.

WOW! LONG GRASS TODAY!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE TITCH HASN'T TURNED UP!
JUMP!
WELL GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES TO FIND IT.
AHA!
I'LL SNEAK TOWARDS THE GOAL WHEN NO-ONE IS LOOKING.
EASY! GREAT GOAL!
OOPS, LOST MY WAY IN THE GRASS
BALL BOYS TEAM


BAH, BLOOMIN' MOLE-HILLS.
STAMP!
STAMP!
BAH, PESKY FOOTBALLERS!
I'LL GET REVENGE
GO AND FIND ANOTHER HOLE!
A PASS FOR YOU, B.B.
WAH!
TUG!
HO-HO! THAT WAS GOOD!
GO TO TREE, MOLES...
...COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOUR?
IT'S A GREAT WAY TO TAKE PENALTIES.

BALL BOY
SLURP! WISH WE COULD AFFORD ONE OF THOSE!
GIGANTO BURGER
I'LL GIVE A FREE ONE TO THE PLAYER WHO SCORES FIRST IN YOUR MATCH!
At the match —
EVERYONE WILL WANT TO SCORE . . .
PEEP!
. . . EVEN THE GOALIE.
Soon —
WAHEY! I'LL WIN THE BURGER!
NO, YOU WON'T! I WANT IT!
Then —
TO ME, DIMMY!
NO, ME!
NOT HIM!
But —
SCORED! A WIN!
HE'S RIGHT FOR ONCE — NO-ONE MENTIONED OWN GOALS.
NEVER MIND, THOUGH.
TOSS!
DELICIOUS!
DIMMY'S SO DAFT HE PREFERS THE CONTAINER.

TERRY BUTCHER

BALL BOY

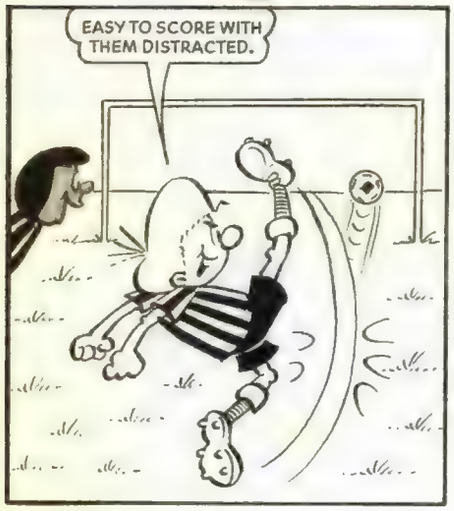
BALL BOY

BAH! THIS TEAM ARE FAR TOO GOOD FOR US.

TIME FOR OUR SECRET WEAPON — COME ON, KYLIE!

KYLIE MINOGUE! WHAT'S HE UP TO?

WOW! KYLIE, GIVE US YOUR AUTOGRAPH!


EASY TO SCORE WITH THEM DISTRACTED.

ANOTHER AUTOGRAPH BOOK — I'LL SIGN IT!

HOI! THAT'S NO AUTOGRAPH BOOK — IT'S MY NOTEBOOK.

SIGNING IT'S A FOUL! FREE KICK!
AW! AND IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF GOAL!

DON'T WORRY — I'LL ORGANISE A DEFENCE.

♫ I WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING... ♫
CAN'T FIND A RULE AGAINST IT!

BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF HIGHLAND GAMES STRONG BOYS TODAY. THEY DON'T TOSS COINS FOR KICK OFF . . .

. . . THEY TOSS CABERS!

OUCH!
THUMP!

YOU KICK OFF — MY FOOT'S TOO SORE.

HAMMER THROWERS AREN'T EASY TO PLAY.

BUT I'LL SAVE THE SHOT EASILY.

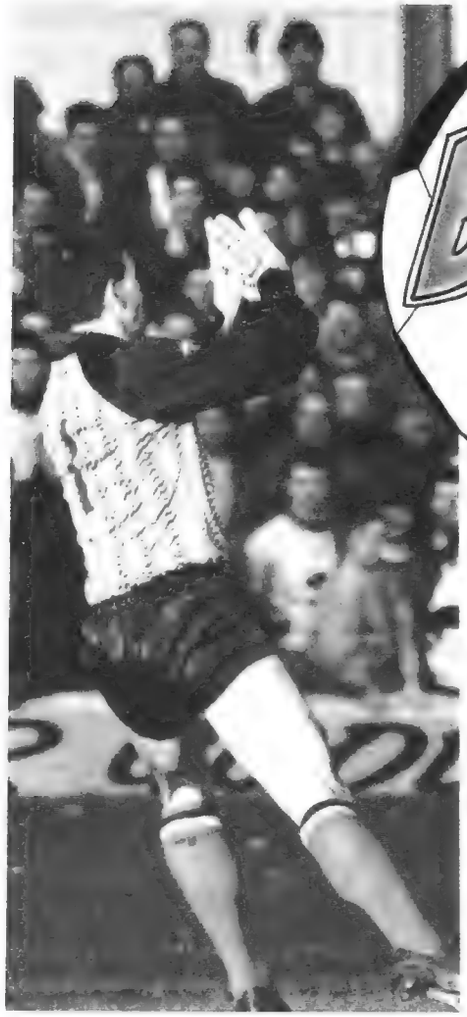
BOOM!
EH?

THAT WAS A HAGGIS — NOT A BALL.

TIME TO USE OUR SECRET WEAPON.

PERFECT!
WHIZZ!

WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THEM NOW.
BLOW!
BLOW!



BALL BOY

I'M GETTING BILLY WHIZZ'S AUNTIE TO KNIT ME A NEW FOOTBALL SCARF.

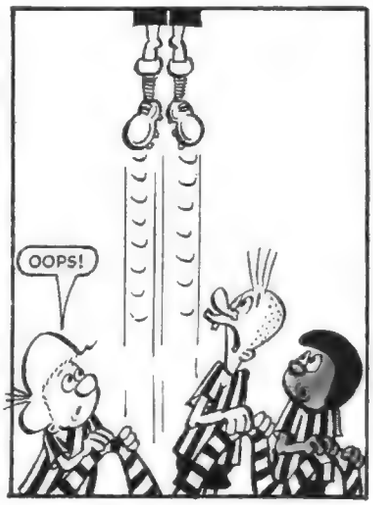
OOPS! FORGOT SHE KNITS SO FAST.

WHAT'LL I DO WITH ALL THIS SCARF?

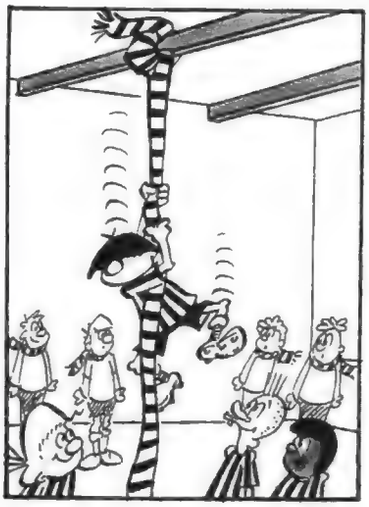
I'LL LET THIS LOT USE IT TOO.

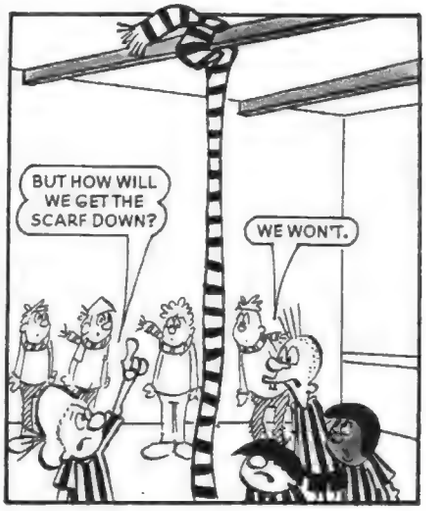
At the match —
IT'S A . . .

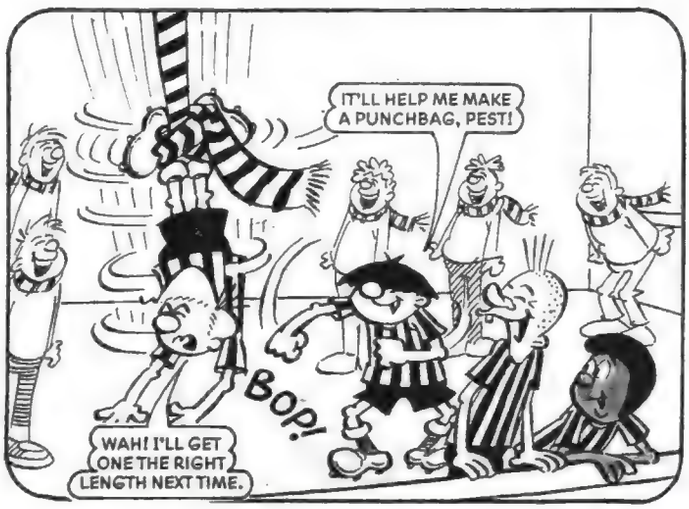
GOAL!
WAH!


OOPS!

THIS'LL GET YOU DOWN.




BUT HOW WILL WE GET THE SCARF DOWN?
WE WON'T.


IT'LL HELP ME MAKE A PUNCHBAG, PEST!
BOP!
WAH! I'LL GET ONE THE RIGHT LENGTH NEXT TIME.

SMITH

BALL BOY

HERE'S YOUR CAP, GOALIE.

HE LET IT THROUGH!

YOU'RE USELESS! YOU'RE FIRED!

ONE OF YOU LOT WILL HAVE TO GO IN GOAL.

TITCH CAN'T EVEN REACH THE GOALIES GLOVES — NO GOOD FOR HIGH BALLS.

Outside —
I'LL GET THIS BALL OUT FROM HERE THEN YOU CAN TRY ME OUT.

HMM . . . DIMMY AND NETS DON'T SEEM TO MIX.

IT'LL HAVE TO BE YOU.

EXCEPT THAT THE CAP DOESN'T FIT!

ONLY ONE THING FOR IT!

ER, BALL BOY — CAN I HAVE A WORD?

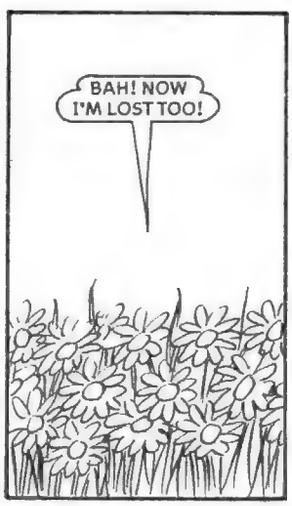
BALL BOY

AH! I LOVE WATERING MY FLOWERS.

Then—
WAH!

AW! MY BALL.

NEVER MIND! I'LL FIND IT!


BAH! NOW I'M LOST TOO!

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GET YOU OUT.

STOP TRAMPLING MY PLANTS — I'LL FIND HIM.

OUCH! THAT RAKE HURTS!

AND YOU'VE BURST MY BALL.

WE CAN'T PLAY WITH THIS.
YOU'RE NOT PLAYING ANYWAY.

YOU'RE REPLACING THE FLOWERS YOU BROKE.

BALL BOY
LOTS OF FALLEN LEAVES ON THE PITCH TODAY.
SO THAT WHEN YOU RUN . . .
YOU MAKE YOUR OWN STILTS.
WAH!
I KNOW HOW TO STOP THIS HAPPENING.
YOU RAKE ME A PATH.
NOW TO SCORE A GOAL.
OH, NO!
WHAT A STUPID PLACE TO PUT THE LEAVES!
ONLY ONE THING FOR IT.
THIS'LL SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

BALL BOY

BALL
BOY

THAT CHAP'S THE WORLD'S WORST PLAYER.

SEE! THE DIVOT WENT FURTHER THAN THE BALL.

I'LL TAKE A CORNER KICK.

OH, NO!

THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS. TAKE A THROW-IN INSTEAD.

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S SAFER?
JUST DO IT!

BONK

SEE!
WAH! HE'S HIT HIS HEAD FURTHER THAN THE BALL.

HE MIGHT BE A BAD PLAYER . . .
MUST GET A DOCTOR.

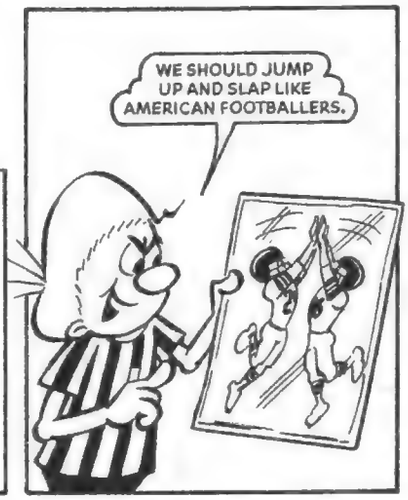
. . . BUT HE'S A GREAT JOKER. HA! HA!
POP

BALL BOY

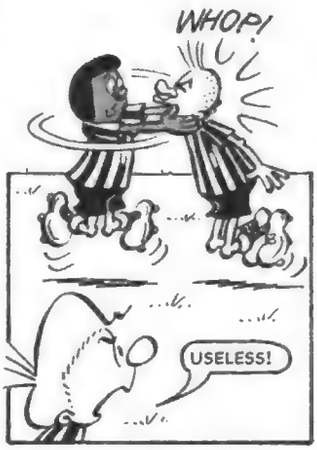
I'VE SCORED!

OH, NO! WISH I HADN'T.

I HATE IT WHEN THEY CELEBRATE LIKE THAT.
HUG
HUG


WE SHOULD JUMP UP AND SLAP LIKE AMERICAN FOOTBALLERS.

YOU TWO TRY IT.

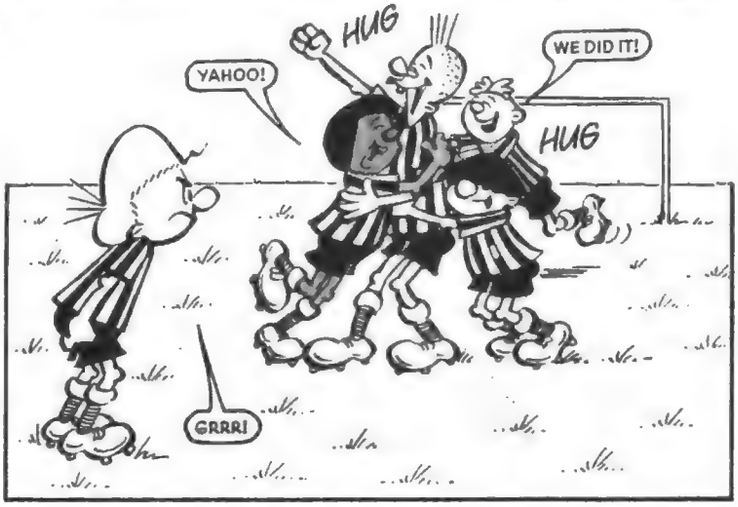

WHOP!
USELESS!

YOU TWO, THEN.

WHERE'S HE GONE?
SLAP
COME ON, BENJY LET'S DO IT!
OOF!

SUCCESS AT LAST.
SLAP!

SHOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED! LOOK HOW THEY CELEBRATED GETTING THE SLAP RIGHT.


HUG
YAHOO!
WE DID IT!
HUG
GRRR!

BALL BOY

BAH! LOTS OF PARENTS WATCHING THE MATCH TODAY.

Soon—
OH, NO!

THAT PARENT'S A DOCTOR.

TAKE THIS TWICE DAILY AND STAY IN BED FOR A WEEK.
HMPH! A PLAYER GONE.

RIGHT! BACK TO THE GAME! WHO FOULED WHO?

HE WAS PROCEEDING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WHEN THE . . .
EH?

. . . HE DID IT HERE.
THAT PARENT'S A POLICEMAN.

FREE KICK TO BALL BOY'S TEAM.

FORM A WALL, TEAM.
AND THIS PARENT'S VERY USEFUL.

HE'S A BUILDER.

I LOVE WALLS — CAN'T BEAR TO SEE ONE UNCEMENTED.
EASY!

BALL BOY

BALL BOY

MY TEAM'S HOPELESS —HAVE TO IMPROVE THEM.

HE'S ALWAYS LETTING BALLS THROUGH HIS LEGS.

SOON CURE IT.

IT WON'T HAPPEN NOW.

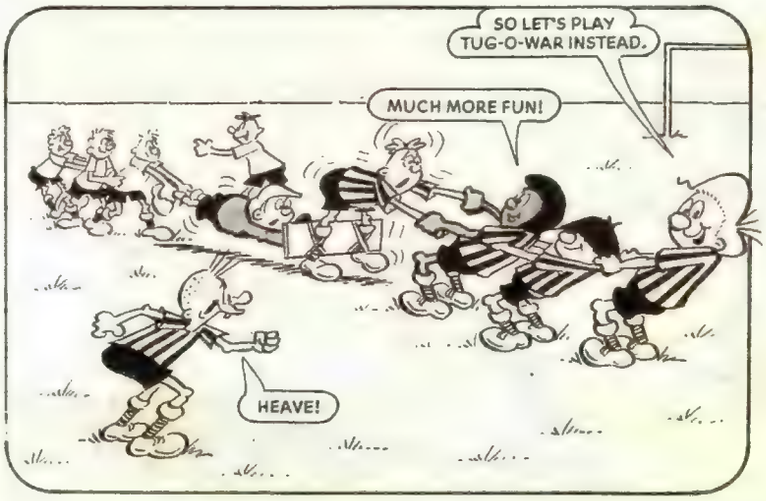
OUR GOALIE DROPS EVERYTHING.

THESE SUCKERS WILL HELP.

But—
OOPS! STUCK!

BAH! CAN'T SHIFT THEM.
I'LL HAVE A WORD WITH THE OPPOSITION.

THIS IS A PRETTY BORING MATCH, ISN'T IT?
YES!

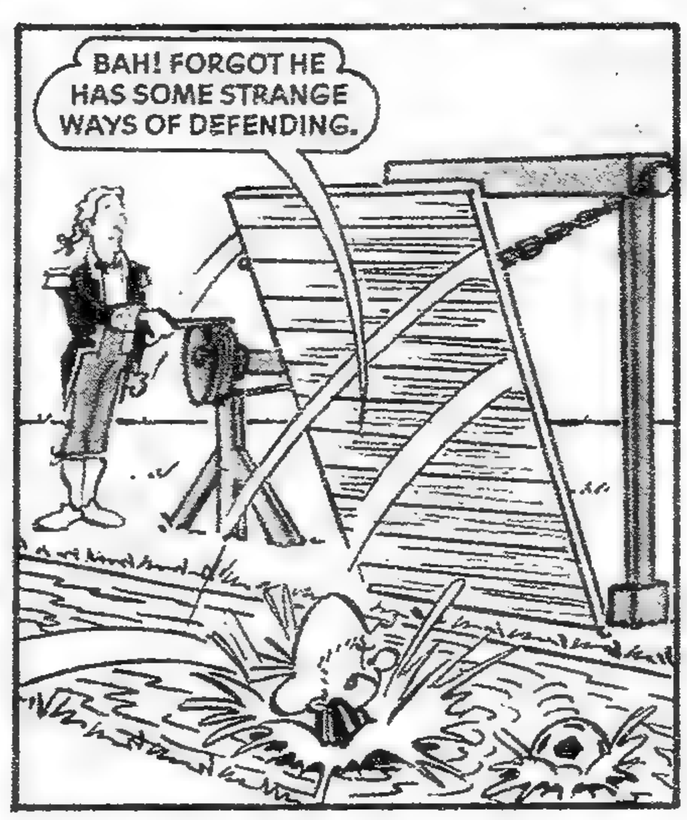

SO LET'S PLAY TUG-O-WAR INSTEAD.
MUCH MORE FUN!
HEAVE!

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING THE CAST OF THE PANTOMIME "CINDERELLA" THIS WEEK.
FOUL!
OH, NO IT WASN'T!
GRR! THEY ALWAYS DO THIS IN PANTOS.
OH, YES IT WAS!
VERY WELL, THEN. HAVE A FREE KICK . . .
. . . BUT THINGS OFTEN TURN INTO PUMPKINS IN "CINDERELLA".
OOPS!
TRY THIS SLIPPER ON.
IT FITS! YOU MUST BE MY BRIDE.
NO, I MUSTN'T.
PANTOS ARE DAFT! I'M GOING TO INVENT A GOOD ONE.
PUSS in Football BOOTS
STARRING BALLBOY
"IT'S OVER THE MOON" K. DALGLISH.
"A PLAY IN TWO HALVES" J. GREAVES
IT'S NOT AS SICK AS A PARROT –
FANCY IT?

BALL BOY

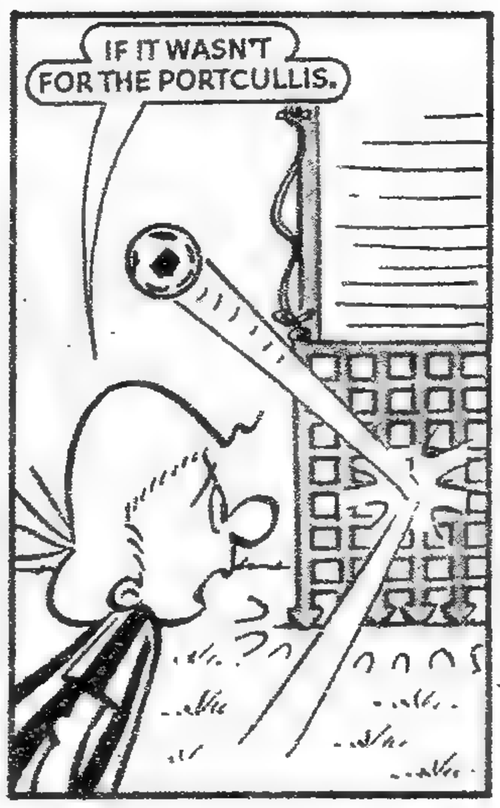
WE'RE PLAYING LORD SNOOTY'S TEAM TODAY.

HE'S EASY TO RUN PAST — HE WON'T STEP OFF THE RED CARPET.


BAH! FORGOT HE HAS SOME STRANGE WAYS OF DEFENDING.

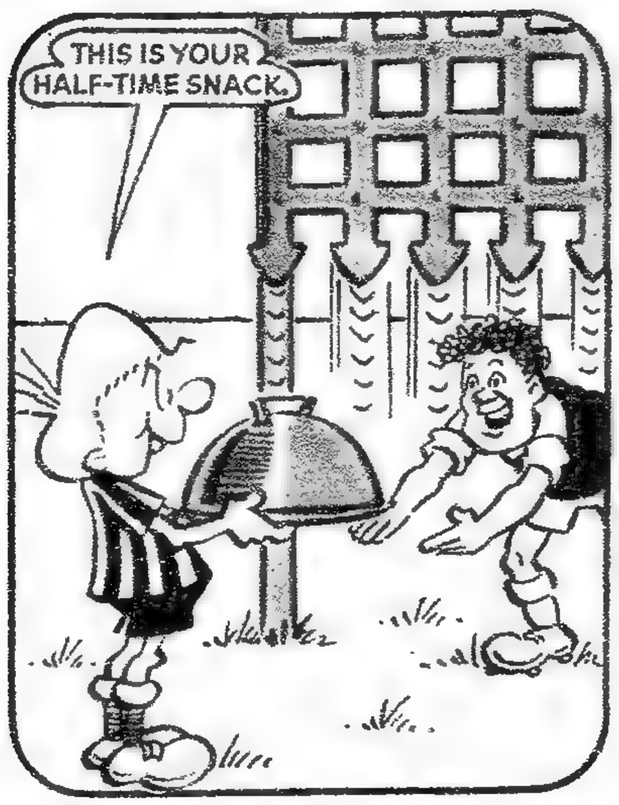
I CAN SWIM, THOUGH.

GOAL!


IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PORTCULLIS.

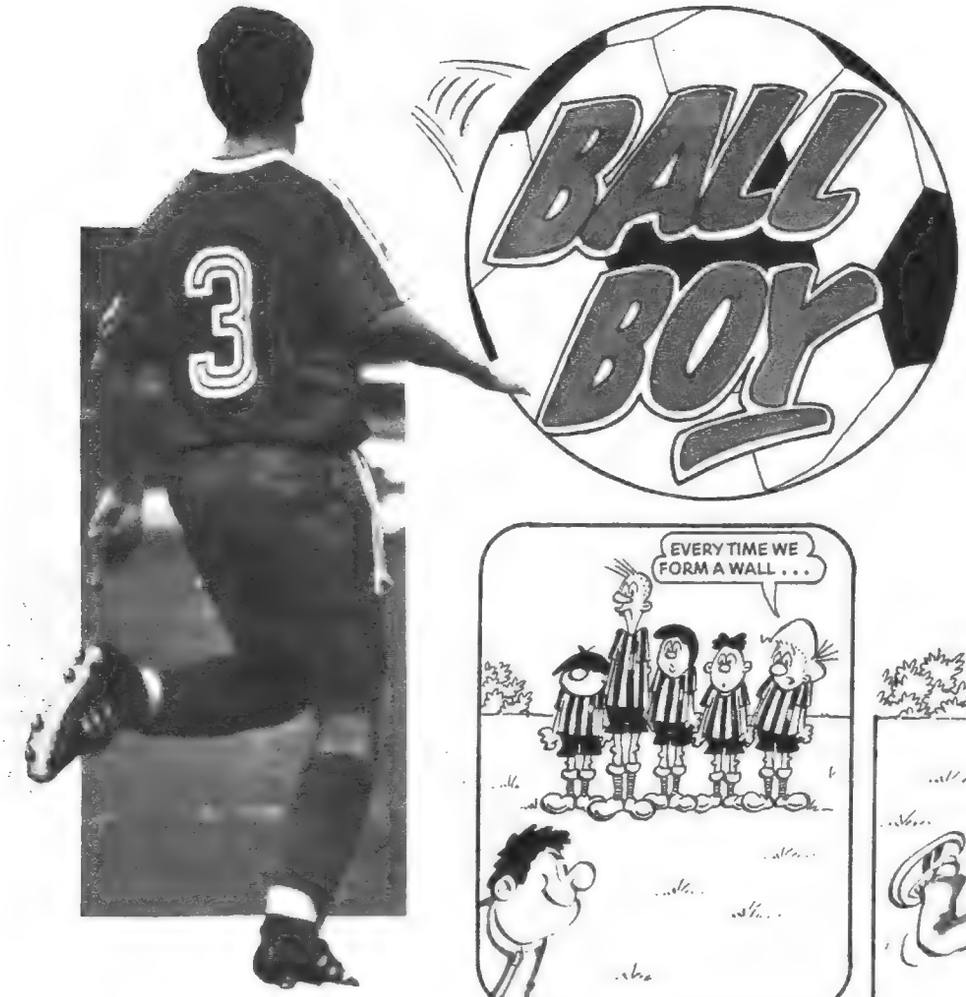
Soon —
HALF-TIME ORANGES.

THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA.


THIS IS YOUR HALF-TIME SNACK.

NOT IT ISN'T! GOAL!
BALL BOY HAD BETTER WATCH OUT! LORDS HAVE ODD WAYS OF PUNISHING PEOPLE.

DON'T WORRY — I'M ONLY JOKING!


BALL BOY

PLAYING ON THIS PITCH IS DANGEROUS SINCE THE NEW SPORTS CENTRE OPENED.
SPORTS CENTRE

EVERY TIME WE FORM A WALL . . .

. . . THEN TEN PIN BOWLERS CAN'T RESIST IT!

AND IF I KICK A HIGH BALL, WATCH WHAT HAPPENS.

OOPS! THOUGHT IT WAS A CLAY PIGEON.
BANG!

AND WHEN I STEP OFF THE PITCH TO GET A NEW BALL . . .

THE SPEEDWAY RACERS GET ME!

AH, WELL — AT LEAST THAT'S ALL THE DANGEROUS SPORTS OUT OF THE WAY.

OH, NO!

OLE! THE SPORTS CENTRE HAS STARTED A BULLFIGHTING CLASS!

BALL BOY

I'M IN GOAL TODAY — MUST FIND MY GOALKEEPER'S GLOVES.

MUM! I CAN'T FIND MY GLOVES.

HAVE THESE RUBBER ONES I USE FOR DOING THE DISHES.

So—
HMM . . . THE GLOVES ARE SO USED TO WASHING UP . . .

. . . THAT THEY'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF ME!

WAH! I CAN'T STOP IT.

CALL THE TRAINER — HE'S GONE MAD.
I'VE GOT TO WASH UP.

MY SPONGE CURES EVERYTHING.

BUT JUST MAKES THIS CASE WORSE — NEVER MIND.

IF I CAN'T CURE HIM — I MAY AS WELL MAKE USE OF HIM TO WASH MY LUNCH DISHES.

BALL BOY

THE BEANO EDITOR HAS LENT US HIS TEA LADY TO DO THE HALF TIME TEA TODAY.

AW! I WANTED TO PLAY — NOT MAKE TEA.

WELL, YOU CAN'T — YOU'RE USELESS, BEANY.
OOPS!

I'M GOING TO GET A GAME SOMEHOW.

THIS IS THE WORST TEA I'VE EVER MADE — AND MY USUAL'S PRETTY BAD.

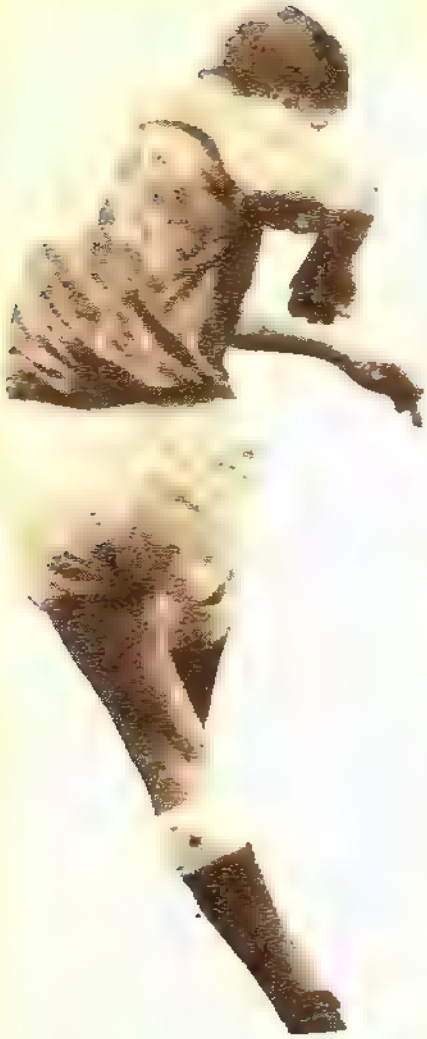
GROOO!
OH-OH! WHO WILL WE GET TO REPLACE HIM?

ME!
OH, NO!

BAH! SHE'S NO USE AT ALL.
THOSE RUBBER GLOVES SHE'S WEARING GIVE ME AN IDEA.

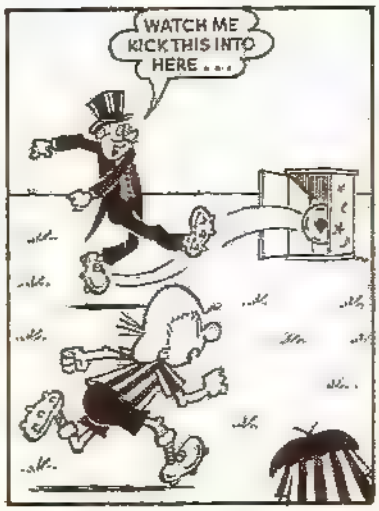
I'LL NEED THIS.

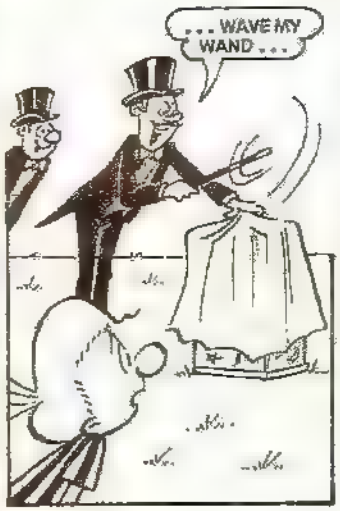
HAW! HAW! SHE WON'T LET ANYTHING IN NOW.

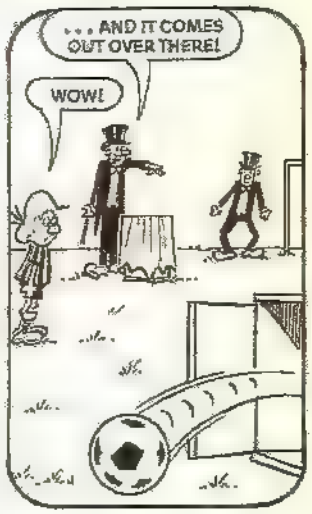


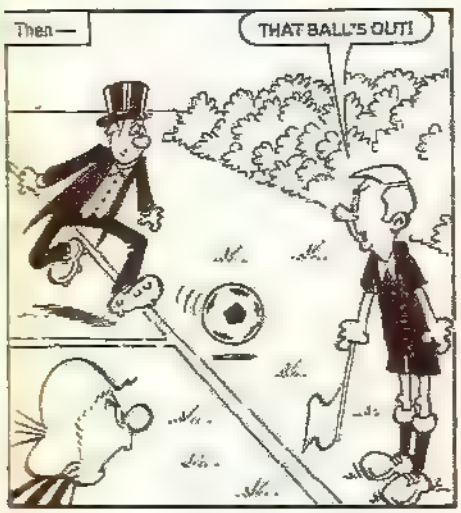
BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF MAGICIANS TODAY.

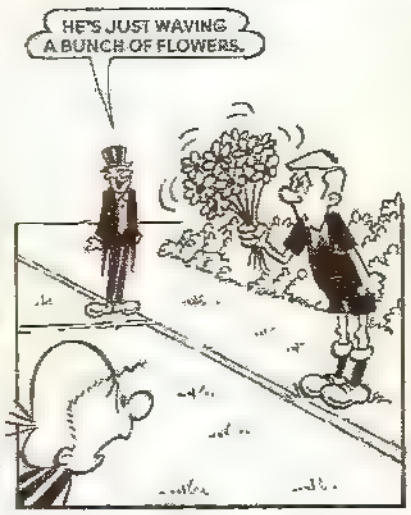

WATCH ME KICK THIS INTO HERE . . .

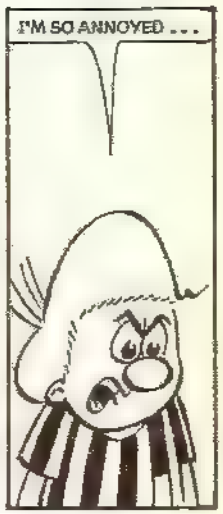

. . . WAVE MY WAND . . .

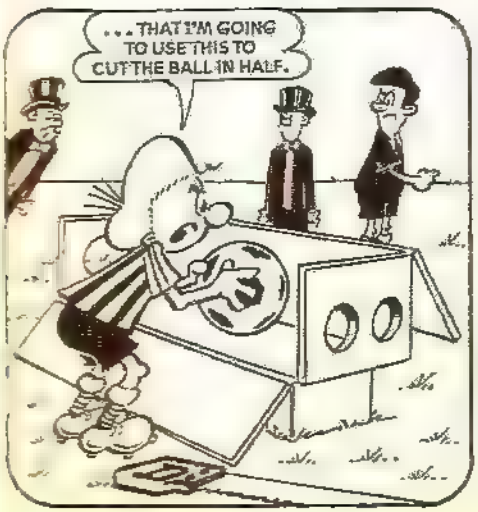

. . . AND IT COMES OUT OVER THERE!
WOW!


Then —
THAT BALL'S OUT!

HO!! REF! THE LINESMAN'S GOT HIS FLAG UP!
NO HE HASN'T. ABRACADABRA!


HE'S JUST WAVING A BUNCH OF FLOWERS.


I'M SO ANNOYED . . .


. . . THAT I'M GOING TO USE THIS TO CUT THE BALL IN HALF.

OH, NO! THE REF'S REACHING FOR HIS RED CARD — I'LL BE SENT OFF!
BANG!

NO — HE'S A MAGICIAN TOO — HE JUST WANTS TO DO SOME TRICKS.
PICK A CARD — ANY CARD.

BALL BOY

NO-ONE WILL TAKE THE BALL OFF ME TODAY.

EVEN IF I KICK IT AWAY.

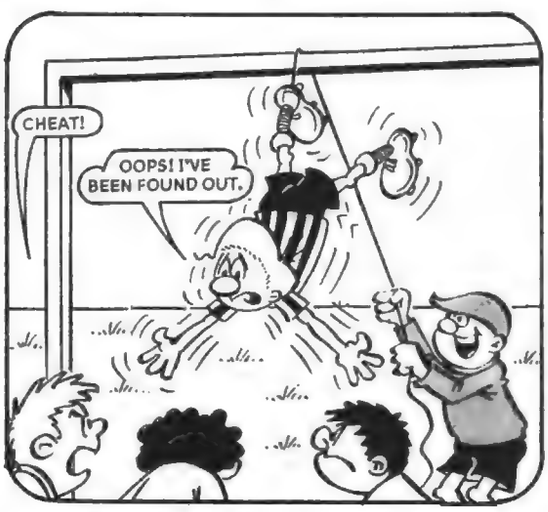
GOOD, EH?

I CHEATED — I'VE TIED A STRING TO IT.

NOW TO SCORE.

AW! I MISSED.

OH, OH.

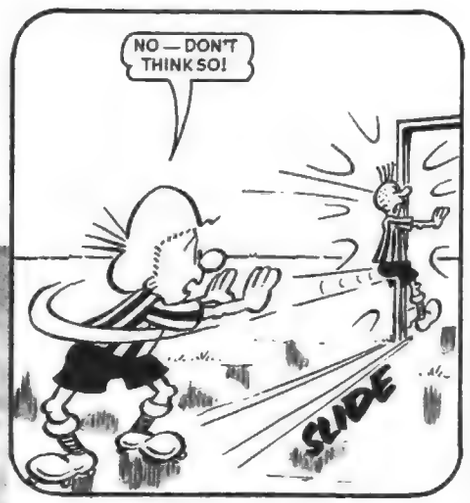

CHEAT!
OOPS! I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.

WE'RE NOT PLAYING ANY MORE — AND WE'RE TAKING OUR BALL WITH US.

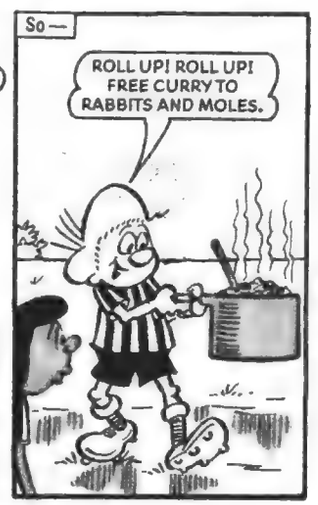
WAH! NO STOP! SLOW DOWN!
HAW! HAW!

BALL BOY

WONDER IF THE PITCH IS THAWED OUT ENOUGH TO PLAY ON?

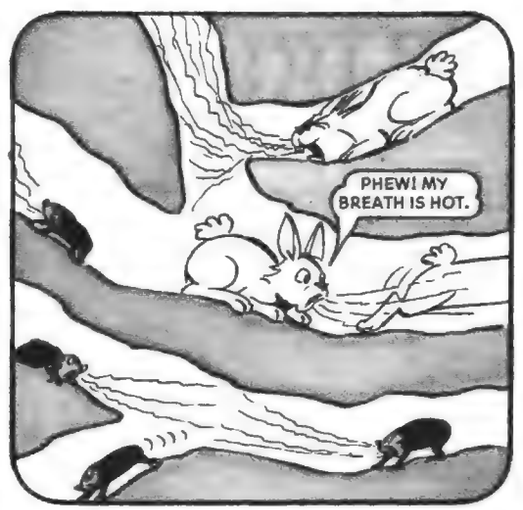

NO — DON'T THINK SO!
SLIDE

WHAT WE NEED IS UNDERSOIL HEATING.


So —
ROLL UP! ROLL UP! FREE CURRY TO RABBITS AND MOLES.

EAT UP.

NOW, GO HOME!


PHEW! MY BREATH IS HOT.

YIPPEE! IT'S WORKED! WE CAN PLAY!

IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO SAFE, THOUGH.

RABBITS AREN'T TOO USED TO CURRY.
LOOKS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.
BELCH
PRRP
BURP
BURP

NOVAFONE
BALL BOY

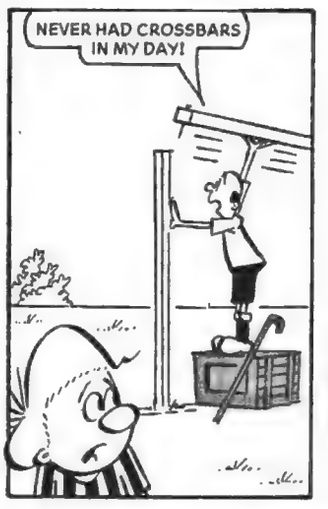
THIS LOT ARE USELESS — I'LL HAVE TO BUY SOME NEW PLAYERS.

So, at Mudchester United's ground —
WHO WILL YOU SELL ME FOR THIS, MR MANAGER?
MUDCHESTER F.C

ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE A FEW PLAYERS YOU COULD HAVE.

THIS LOT HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE TEAM FOR A WHILE.
HMM! A BIT OLD.

AH, WELL — I SUPPOSE THEY'LL DO.


NEVER HAD CROSSBARS IN MY DAY!

JUST A BIT OF TAPE.
OH-OH! THEY'RE OLDER THAN I THOUGHT.

Then —
THESE ARE MINE!
NO, MINE!

LUCKY WE OLDSTERS PLAY IN SUCH BAGGY SHORTS.
BAH! I'VE WASTED MY MONEY!

MAYBE NOT!

I'VE GOT A NEW SET OF CORNER FLAGS.

BALL BOY

TUT! TUT! SOMEONE'S TAKEN THE CROSSBAR OFF!

I'LL REPLACE IT!

WHERE ARE THE REST OF MY TEAM?
WE'RE PLAYING POLO HERE TODAY — NOT FOOTBALL.

WANT A GAME? WE'RE A MAN SHORT.
OK!

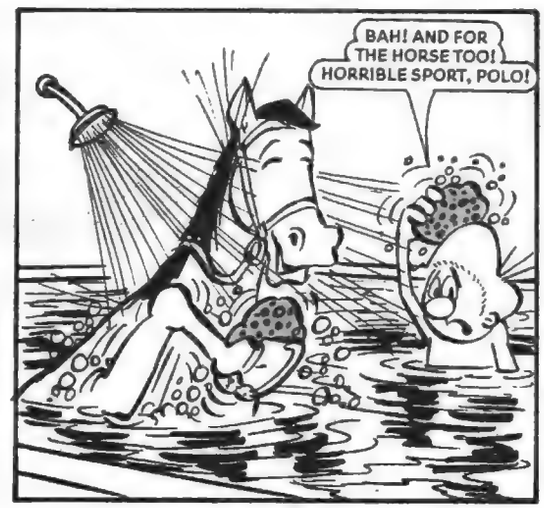
HUP I GO!

OOPS! WRONG WAY ROUND.

I WON'T BOTHER REMOUNTING, THOUGH.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT THE BAR BACK — THEY DON'T USE ONE IN POLO.
OOF!

TERRIBLE THING TO DO — OFF!
IT'S AN EARLY BATH FOR ME.

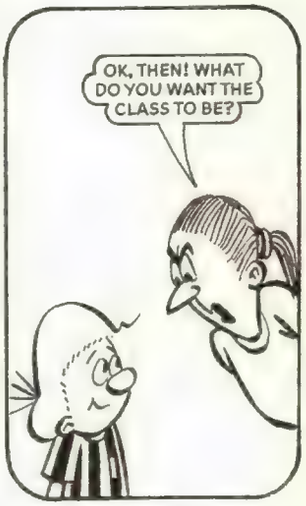

BAH! AND FOR THE HORSE TOO! HORRIBLE SPORT, POLO!

BALL BOY

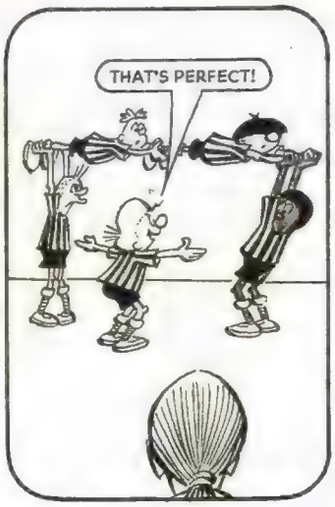
At school—
DRAMA LESSONS TODAY — I REALLY HATE THEM.

ALL PRETEND TO BE FLOWERS BLOWING IN THE WIND.
EH?

WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE!


OK, THEN! WHAT DO YOU WANT THE CLASS TO BE?

YOU LOT PRETEND TO BE WOOD.


THAT'S PERFECT!

AND YOU PRETEND TO BE A BALL.

OOPS! HIT THE POST!

OH-OH!

THEY'RE NOT HAPPY WITH ME.

WELL DONE, BALL BOY — YOU'VE BECOME MY BEST PUPIL.

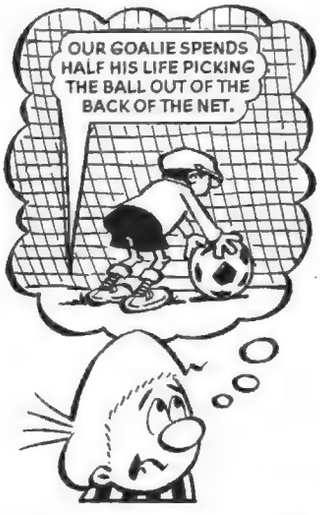
SHARP

BALL BOY

STOP, SON!

I'M PUTTING IN HERE.

WOW! THAT MACHINE SENDS THE BALL BACK. GREAT IDEA!
PING!
SCOOT!


OUR GOALIE SPENDS HALF HIS LIFE PICKING THE BALL OUT OF THE BACK OF THE NET.

Soon—
SO, I'LL MAKE A FOOTBALL VERSION OF MY DAD'S MACHINE.

IT WORKS!
SCOOSH!

Later—

WHERE'S THE BALL?
GREAT!

OH, NO!

SCOOSH!
WAH!
I FORGOT HOW STUPID OUR GOALIE IS!

BALL BOY

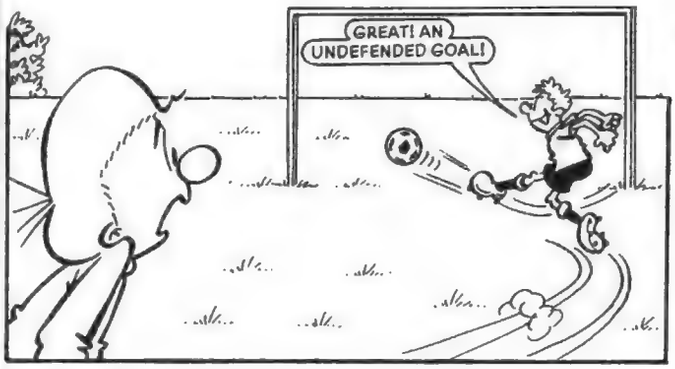
HERE'S OUR NEW PLAYER — I PAID A £3.62 TRANSFER FEE FOR HIM.
LET'S SEE HOW GOOD HE IS.
HOLD IT!
HE'S TOO VALUABLE TO TACKLE . . .
. . . UNLESS HE'S WRAPPED IN COTTON WOOL.
WAH! CAN'T SEE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
OOPS!
OOH! I'M FAR TOO DIZZY TO PLAY NOW.
NEVER MIND — SINCE YOU'RE WRAPPED IN COTTON WOOL . . .
. . . YOU'LL BE USEFUL ANYWAY.
MOP!

BALL BOY

I'M IN GOAL THIS WEEK — IT'S VERY BORING.

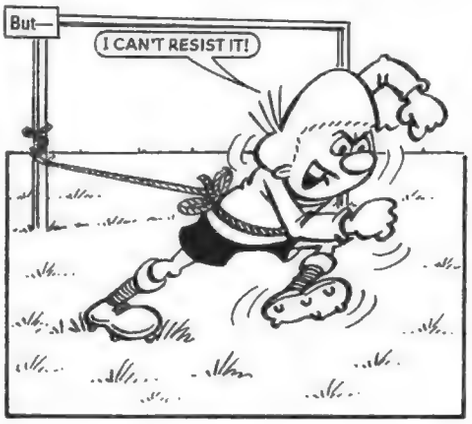
I CAN'T RESIST A RUN UPFIELD.

OOPS!

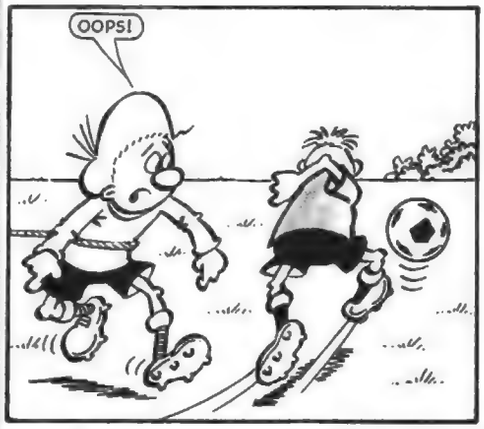

GREAT! AN UNDEFENDED GOAL!

YOU'RE NOT TO LEAVE THE GOAL AGAIN!

AND THIS'LL MAKE SURE.

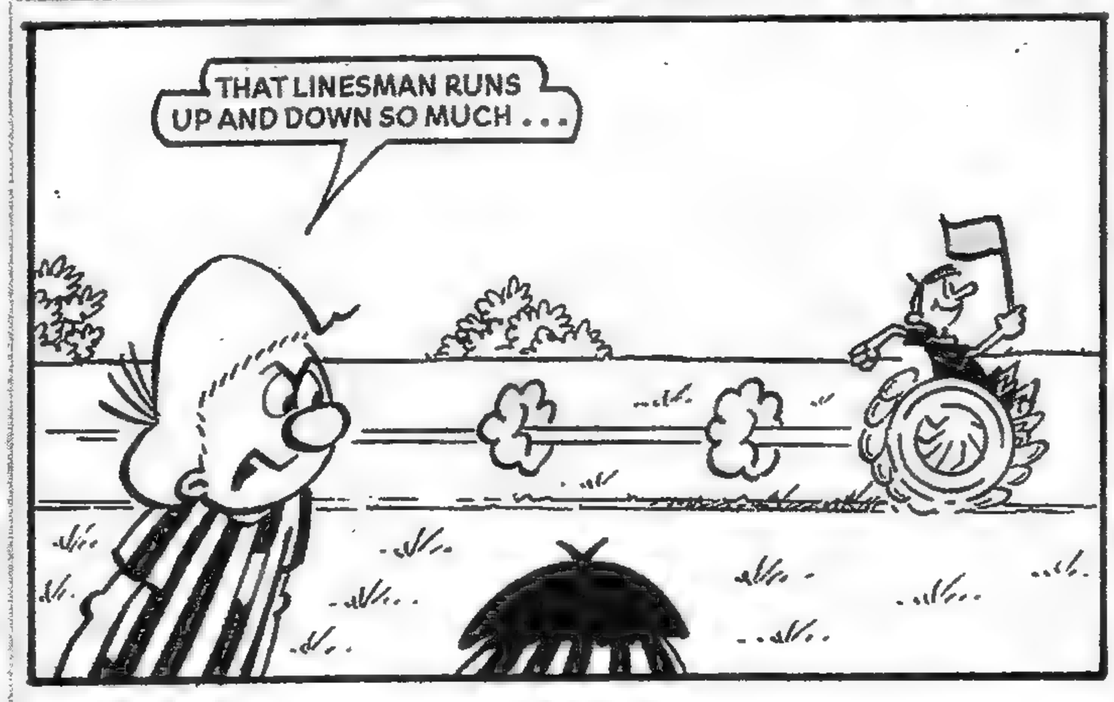

But—
I CAN'T RESIST IT!

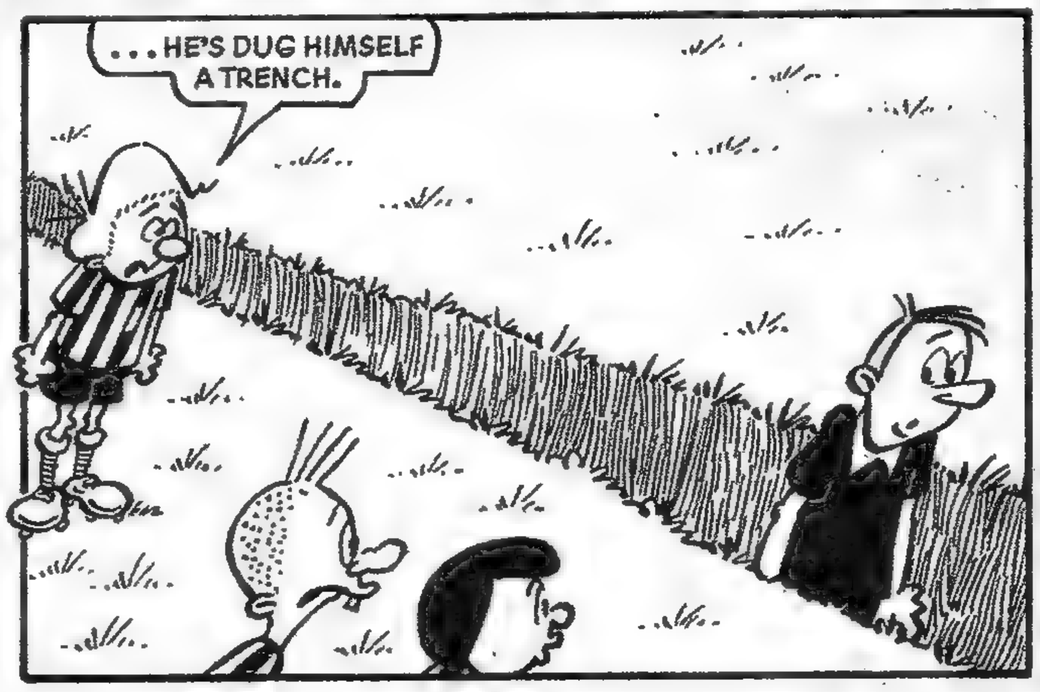
AT LEAST THEY WON'T FIND IT SO EASY TO SCORE THIS TIME.

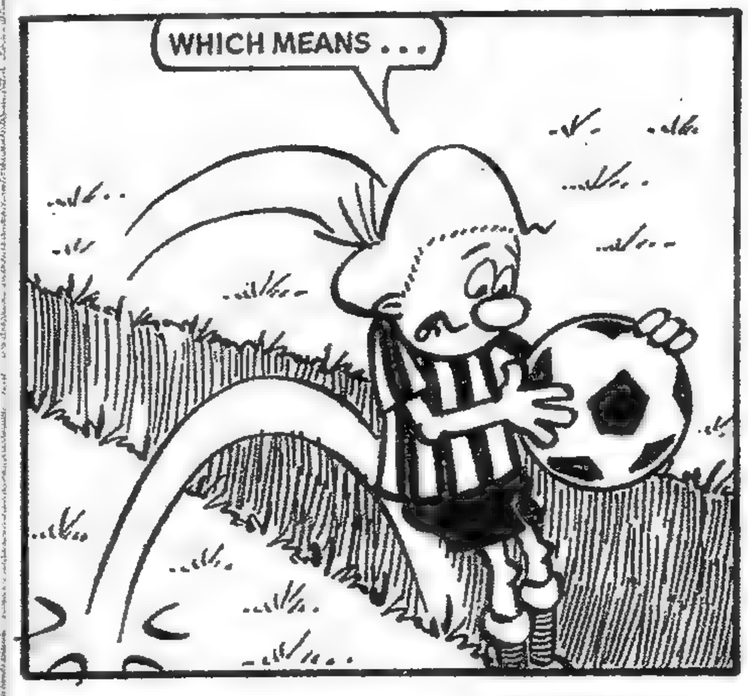

OOPS!

BAH! CAN'T SHOOT AT A MOVING GOAL!

BALL BOY


THAT LINESMAN RUNS UP AND DOWN SO MUCH . . .

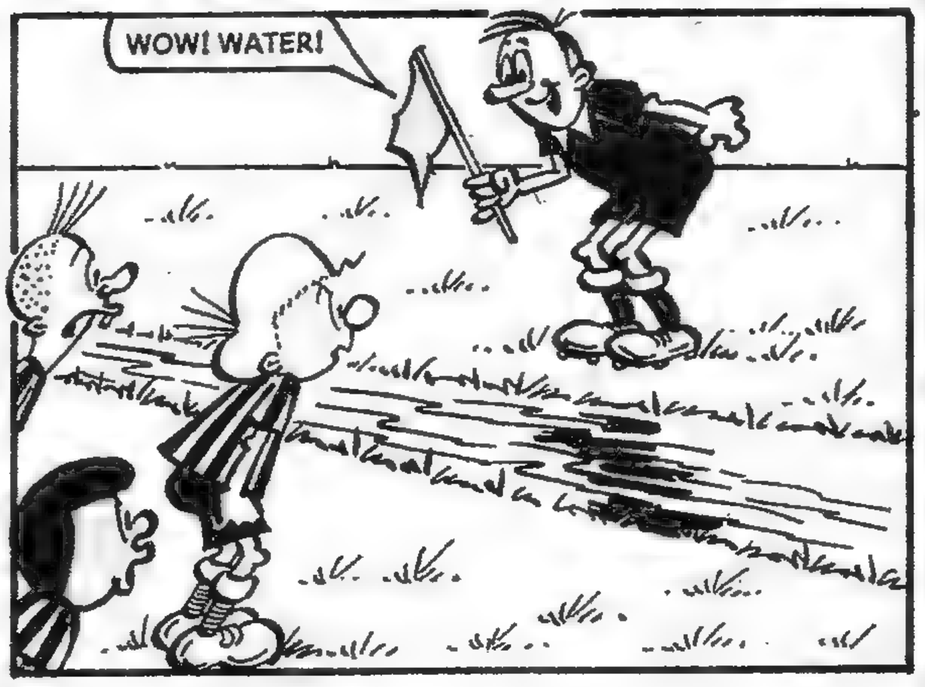

. . . HE'S DUG HIMSELF A TRENCH.


WHICH MEANS . . .

. . . THROW-INS ARE VERY DIFFICULT.

AND SINCE THE PITCH IS NEXT TO A RIVER THAT IS ALWAYS OVERFLOWING . . .

GREAT FOR CANOEING, THIS.
WAH!


WOW! WATER!

WHAT'S HE UP TO?

GREAT WAY TO RUN THE LINE, THIS.

BALL BOY

OH-OH! HE'S GOING TO GET PAST ME.
OOPS! I'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH RUGBY.
FREE KICK!
FORM A WALL, TEAM.
THIS'LL BE NO PROBLEM.
I'LL JUST KICK IT OVER TITCH — HE'S TINY.
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET TALLER.
THAT DOES THE TRICK.
BUT DON'T EVER . . .
. . . HEAD THE BALL.
BAH! HE'S NO USE AT ALL NOW.
YES, HE IS!
WAH! A MONSTER!
WAIL!

BALL BOY

OUR GOALIE IS GREAT AT HIGH KICK OUTS.
SNOW
SHOULD BE EASY TO HEAD THIS IN FOR A GOAL.
OOF!
I'LL HAVE TO SORT THIS PROBLEM OUT.
THIS'LL HELP!
So—
OOPS! I FORGOT PARACHUTES CATCH THE WIND.
Then—
YOU CAN HAVE THIS NOW.
WHY?
BECAUSE WE'RE SENDING YOU OFF . . . THIS CLIFF!
WAH!

BALL BOY

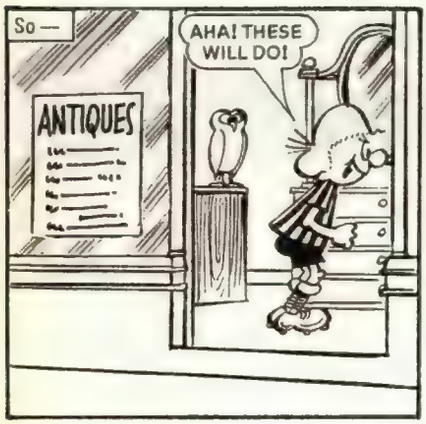
THIS TEAM ARE ALWAYS FOULING!
HOI!
RASP!
GET OFF ME!
PHWEEP
HUH! THEY'RE IGNORING ME!
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW I'M ALSO A SHEPHERD!
AND MY DOGS CERTAINLY RESPOND TO MY WHISTLE.
PHWEEP
CHORTLE!
OH!
I'D NORMALLY SEND YOU OFF . . .
OO . . . ER!
. . . BUT SINCE MY SHEEPDOGS HAVE BROUGHT YOU IN . . .
. . . I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A CLIPPING WITH ALL THE OTHER SHEEP!

BALL BOY

OUCH!

HUH! THESE THINGS ARE USELESS!

Later —
THE SPORTS SHOP IS CLOSED!
CLOSED

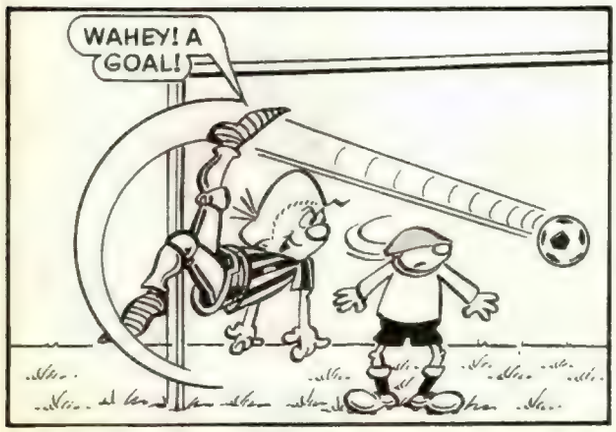

So —
AHA! THESE WILL DO!
ANTIQUES

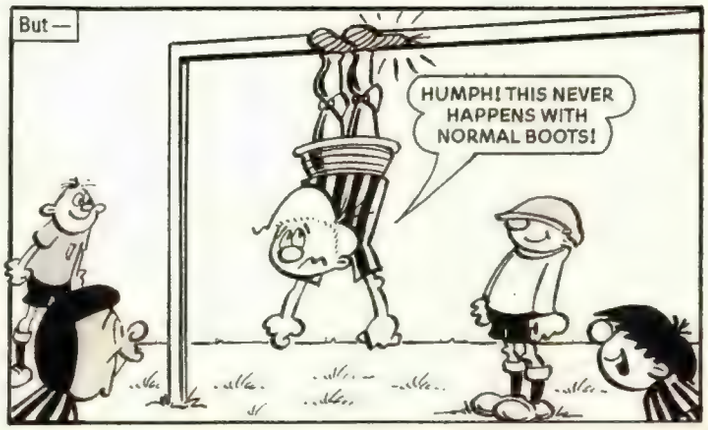
HERE GOES!

OUCH!
CLANG!

I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO KICK THE BALL WITH THE SHARP POINTED TOES!

THIS CALLS FOR AN UPSIDE DOWN SCISSORS KICK!


WAHEY! A GOAL!


But —
HUMPH! THIS NEVER HAPPENS WITH NORMAL BOOTS!

BALL BOY

WONDER WHERE THE REF IS?
HE'S LATE.

LOOK A CARRIER PIGEON.
WITH A MESSAGE!

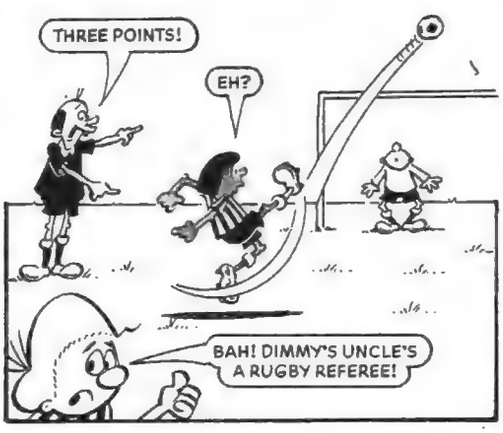
AW! IT'S FROM THE REF. HE'S TWISTED HIS ANKLE — HE CAN'T MAKE IT.

Then—
I'LL BE YOUR REF!

NO YOU WON'T . . .
AW!

YOU'RE MARRYING MY DAUGHTER TODAY.
BAH!

MY UNCLE'S A REF — HE'LL DO IT.


THREE POINTS!
EH?
BAH! DIMMY'S UNCLE'S A RUGBY REFEREE!

ONLY ONE THING FOR IT — FETCH THE POSTS.

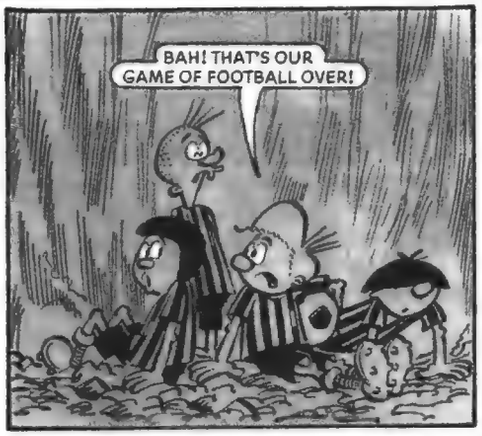
IF WE CAN'T GET A REF TO COME TO THE MATCH . . .

. . . WE'LL TAKE THE MATCH TO THE INJURED REFEREE.
FREE KICK!

BALL BOY

BE CAREFUL! THIS PITCH IS ON TOP OF . . .

. . . A MINE!

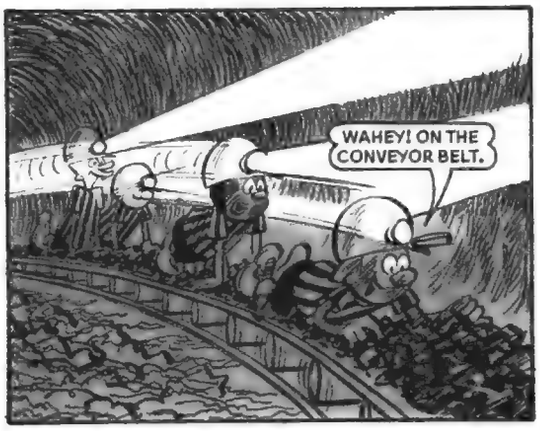

BAH! THAT'S OUR GAME OF FOOTBALL OVER!

NO IT'S NOT — WE ALWAYS PLAY IN OUR BREAK.

THESE HELMETS ARE GREAT.

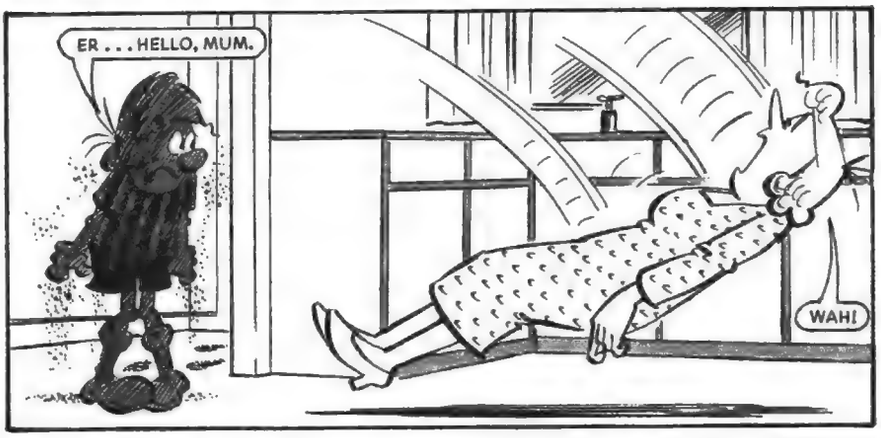
BUT NOT FOR HEADERS!

Later —
THAT WAS GOOD — BUT HOW DO WE GET HOME.
I KNOW!


WAHEY! ON THE CONVEYOR BELT.

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS.

At home —
NICE DRY DAY TODAY — BALL BOY'S STRIP SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIRTY.


ER . . . HELLO, MUM.
WAH!

BALL BOY

WOW! THAT'S GOOD!
YOU CAN HAVE THIS RUBBER — IT WAS LEFT OVER FROM MAKING THE CATAPULT!
SCULPTOR
COO! TA!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT.
PUT UP A HIGH BALL, DIMMY.
OKAY!
THIS SHOULD IMPROVE YOUR JUMPING FOR HEADERS.
YOU MISSED IT!
So —
MAYBE YOU'LL BE BETTER . . .
. . . OR YOU!
HUH! NONE OF THEM COULD HIT THE BALL.
NEVER MIND — HEADERS AREN'T MUCH USE IF YOU'RE PLAYING LIKE THAT!

BALL BOY

THIS BOY HAS GOT THE HARDEST SHOT IN THE LEAGUE.
AN EASY SAVE, THOUGH.
FOOSH
WOW!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
AND WHAT IS WORSE . . .
. . .THE BALL WENT THROUGH THE NET AND ENDED UP MILES AWAY.
AHA! THAT LOOKS LIKE A STRONGER NET.
IT WON'T RIP, BALL BOY . . .
. . . BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD BORROW SOME MORE OF OUR STUFF.
So—
THE FENDERS FROM OUR BOAT SHOULD PROTECT YOU FROM HIS SHOTS.
BOING!

BALL BOY

THIS PLAYER IS THE MOST SKILFUL IN THE WHOLE OF BEANOTOWN.

HE CAN SEND PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY.

HE CAN BEND SHOTS.

AND HIT THEM SO THAT . . .

. . . THEY COME BACK TO HIM.

HE CAN KICK THROUGH LEGS . . .

. . . AND UP JUMPERS!

THAT'S ME BEATEN ALL THE OPPOSITION . . .

NOW I'LL BEAT MY OWN TEAM.
OH, NO! HE'LL SCORE AGAINST US — BUT I KNOW HOW TO STOP HIM.

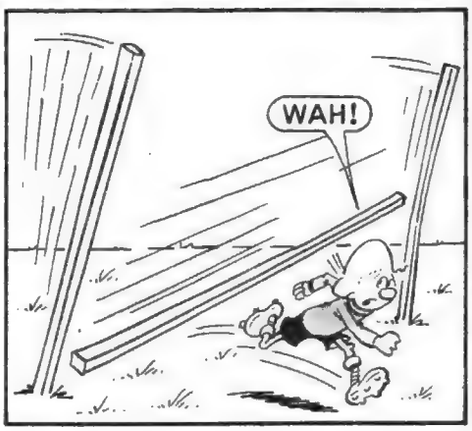
THERE'S ONE PERSON ON THIS PITCH YOU'LL NEVER BEAT.
WHO?

Then—
BOP!
YOURSELF!
KICK!
YES I CAN!
OUCH! FOULED MYSELF!

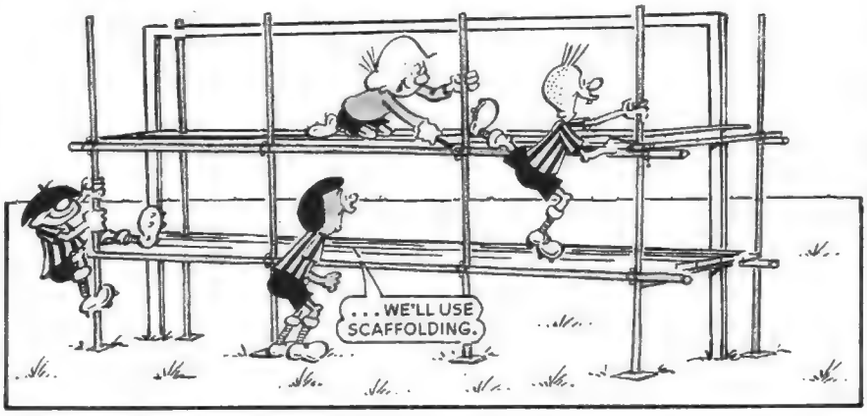
BALL BOY

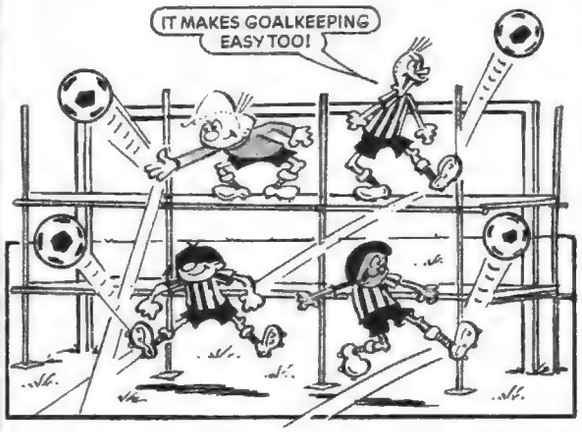
I'M NOT SURE IT'S SAFE PLAYING IN GOAL THIS WEEK.

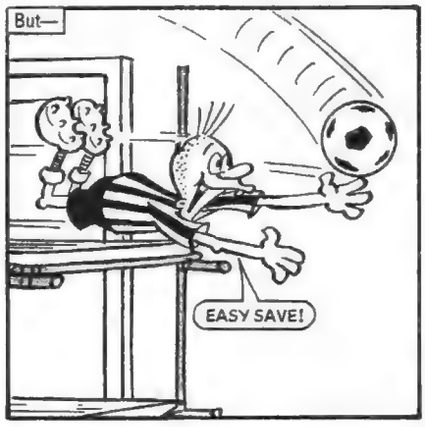
OH-OH!

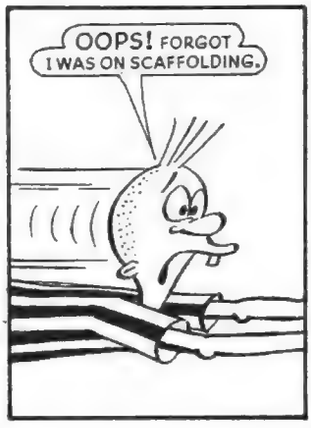

WAH!

WE'LL NEED TO REBUILD THE GOALS.
I KNOW . . .

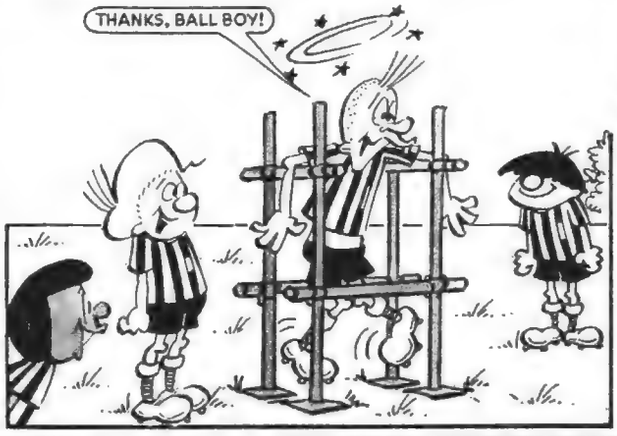

. . . WE'LL USE SCAFFOLDING.


IT MAKES GOALKEEPING EASY TOO!


But—
EASY SAVE!


OOPS! FORGOT I WAS ON SCAFFOLDING.

LUCKY FOR DIMMY WE HAVE SOME SPARE SCAFFOLDING.
WHUMP!


THANKS, BALL BOY!

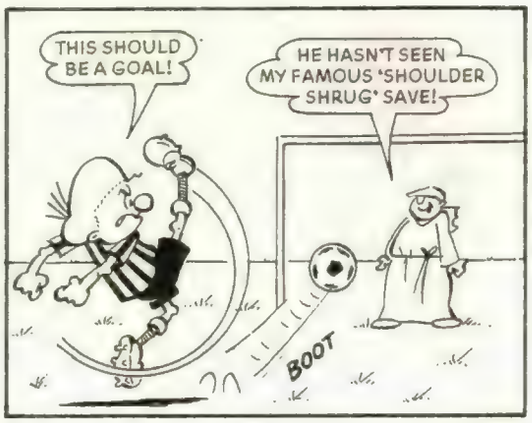
BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF MONKS TODAY.

HOI! DON'T MAKE A HABIT OF THAT!
DROP

HUH! HE MUST HAVE PASSED IT ON!
SWEEP

Soon —
FOUND IT!

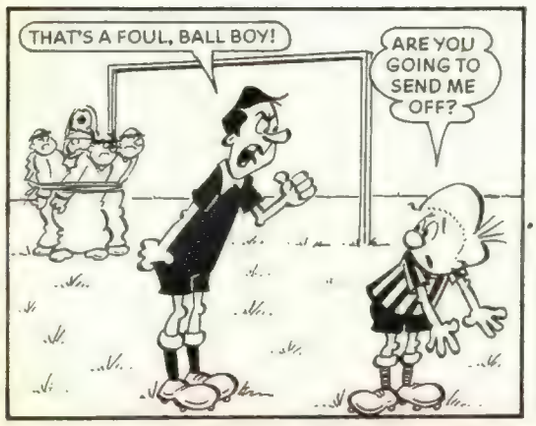

THIS SHOULD BE A GOAL!
HE HASN'T SEEN MY FAMOUS 'SHOULDER SHRUG' SAVE!
BOOT

FLUMP
SHRUG

WELL DONE!
GREAT SAVE!

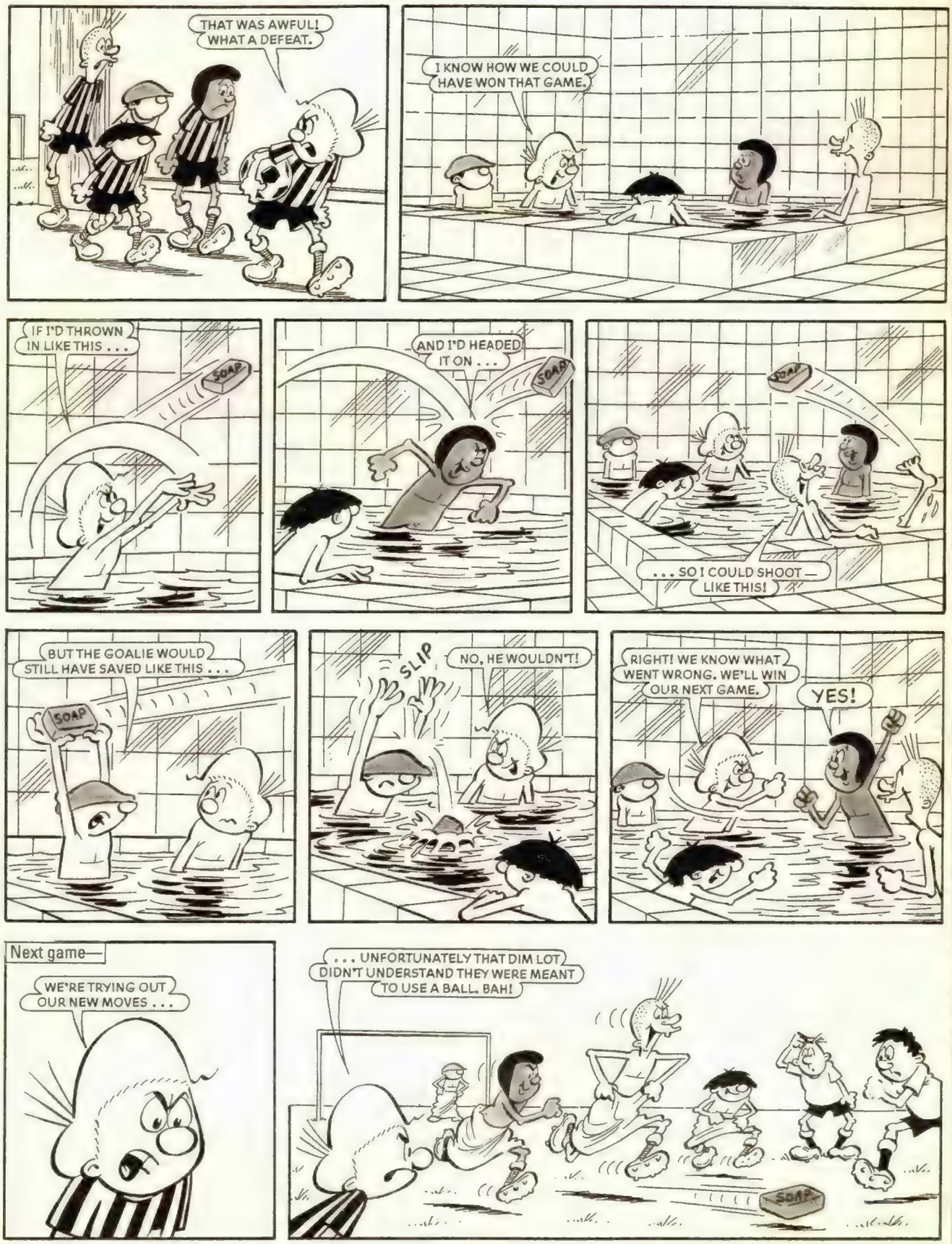
I MUST GET MY OWN BACK!
TIE

HAW-HAW!


THAT'S A FOUL, BALL BOY!
ARE YOU GOING TO SEND ME OFF?

NO! I THOUGHT OF A BETTER PUNISHMENT.
WAH! HOPE IT GROWS BACK SOON!

BALL BOY


THAT WAS AWFUL! WHAT A DEFEAT.
I KNOW HOW WE COULD HAVE WON THAT GAME.
IF I'D THROWN IN LIKE THIS . . .
SOAP
AND I'D HEADED IT ON . . .
SOAP
SOAP
. . . SO I COULD SHOOT — LIKE THIS!
BUT THE GOALIE WOULD STILL HAVE SAVED LIKE THIS . . .
SOAP
SLIP
NO, HE WOULDN'T!
RIGHT! WE KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG. WE'LL WIN OUR NEXT GAME.
YES!
Next game—
WE'RE TRYING OUT OUR NEW MOVES . . .
. . . UNFORTUNATELY THAT DIM LOT DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEY WERE MEANT TO USE A BALL. BAH!
SOAP

BALL BOY

OOPS!

HOW WILL WE GET THAT DOWN?

WE TAKE THE SMALLEST PLAYER AND THROW HIM UP AFTER IT.

GREAT IDEA!

I'M NOT THROWING THE BALL DOWN — YOU'LL JUST LEAVE ME UP HERE.

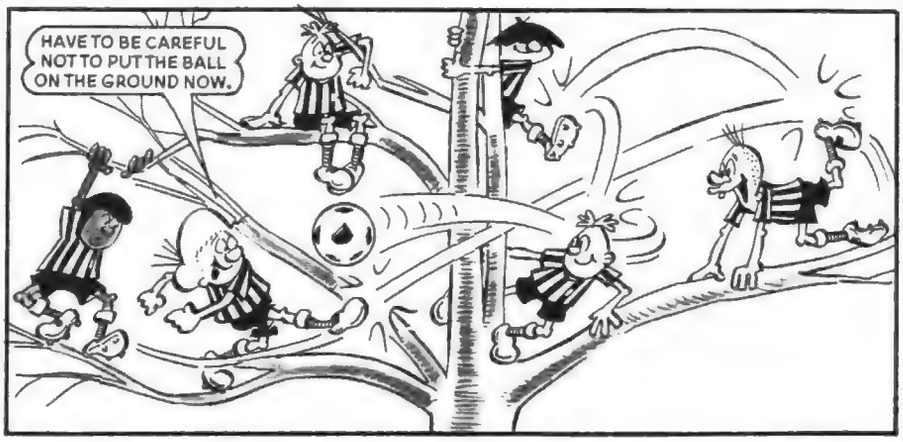
BAH!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEND SOMEONE UP AFTER HIM.
UP YOU GO, BENJY.

BAH! MISSED HAVE TO TRY AGAIN.

Many tries later—
BAH! THAT'S THE WHOLE TEAM UP — AND THEY'RE ALL STUCK.

ONLY ONE WAY I'M GOING TO GET A GAME OF FOOTBALL.


HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO PUT THE BALL ON THE GROUND NOW.

BALL BOY

YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH FOOTBALL B.B.

NO, I'M NOT — I'LL SHOW YOU PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR WORSE!

UNITED! UNITED!
HE HASN'T PUT THAT SCARF DOWN FOR OVER A YEAR . . .

. . . WHICH MAKES MEALTIMES DIFFICULT FOR HIS MUM.

AND LOOK AT HOW THAT BOY'S DECORATED HIS ROOM.

PHEEP!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL . . .

. . . HE SENDS HIS MUM OFF SOMETIMES.
WRONG STRIP — OFF!

WATCH MRS SMITH WITH THE SHOPPING.

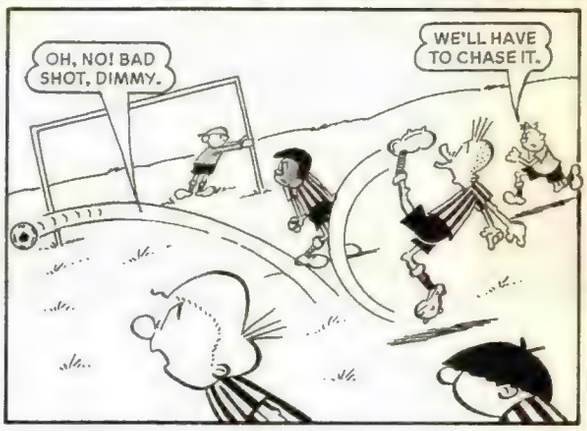
BUT THEY DON'T MAKE RED RICE PUDDING!
HER SON WON'T EAT ANYTHING THAT ISN'T IN UNITED'S COLOURS.
TAKE IT AWAY!

SO, YOU SEE, I'M QUITE NORMAL — TIME FOR MY BATH.
OF COURSE YOU'RE NORMAL SON...

. . . EVERYBODY HAS A BATH LIKE THAT.

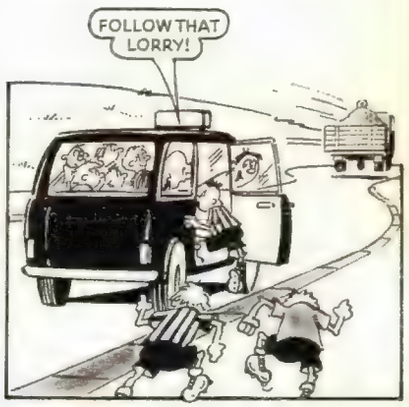
BALL BOY

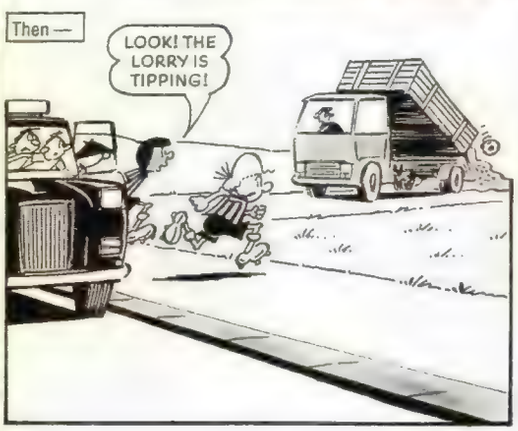
VERY HILLY PITCH THIS.


OH, NO! BAD SHOT, DIMMY.
WE'LL HAVE TO CHASE IT.

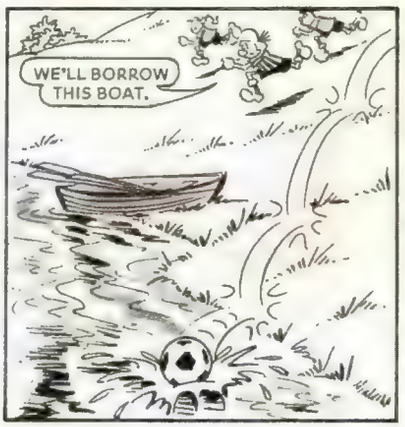
WE'RE GAINING!

OH, NO! IT'S LANDED ON THAT LORRY.


FOLLOW THAT LORRY!


Then —
LOOK! THE LORRY IS TIPPING!

NEVER HAD 22 IN THE CAB BEFORE.
WAH! THE BALL'S ROLLING AWAY.

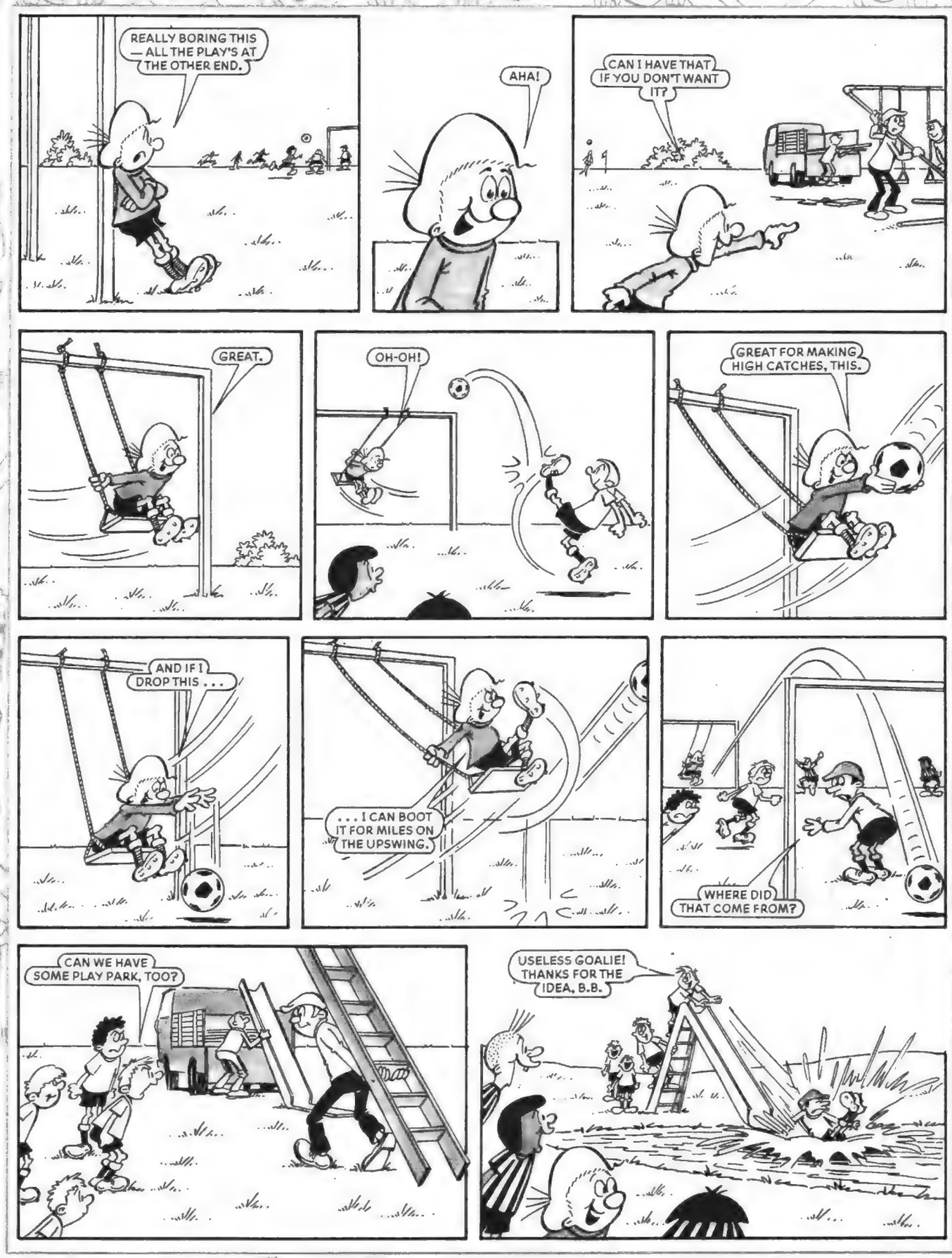

WE'LL BORROW THIS BOAT.

WE'LL NEVER CATCH IT.

THANKS, FISH!

HEY! THIS IS OUR OWN FOOTBALL PITCH!
GREAT GOAL, DIMMY — LONGEST SHOT I'VE EVER SEEN.

BALL BOY


REALLY BORING THIS — ALL THE PLAY'S AT THE OTHER END.
AHA!
CAN I HAVE THAT IF YOU DON'T WANT IT?
GREAT.
OH-OH!
GREAT FOR MAKING HIGH CATCHES, THIS.
AND IF I DROP THIS . . .
. . . I CAN BOOT IT FOR MILES ON THE UPSWING.
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
CAN WE HAVE SOME PLAY PARK, TOO?
USELESS GOALIE! THANKS FOR THE IDEA, B.B.

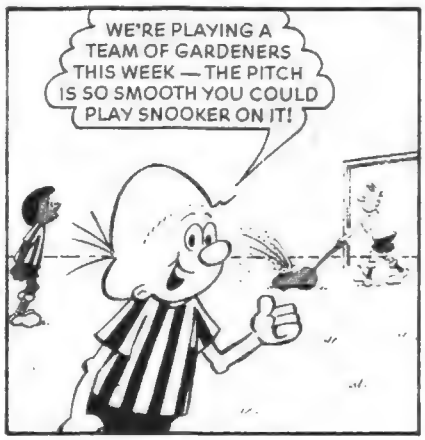
BALL BOY

YOU WATCH TOO MUCH FOOTBALL — COME FISHING WITH ME!
B-BUT!
BAH! I HATE FISHING.
I'M NOT USING A FLOAT LIKE THIS!
GREAT! NOW IT LOOKS LIKE A FOOTBALL.
LET'S HAVE A GAME, FISH.
WOW!
SNAP!
THEY'VE MADE GOALS!
WOW! GREAT! AS GOOD AS WATCHING FOOTBALL ON TV.
HAVEN'T CAUGHT A THING TODAY
NEITHER HAVE I . .
. . . BUT I THINK I'LL SIGN THIS TROUT FOR MY TEAM.

BALL BOY

I'VE GOT NEW SHIN PADS — WANT TO TEST THEM?
YES!
FOUL!
HAW! HAW! YOU FELL FOR IT!
RIGHT! FORM A WALL FOR THE FOUL.
NOTHING WILL GET THROUGH THIS!
YES IT WILL!
COWARDS!
I'LL MAKE YOU INTO A MORE SOLID WALL.
IT WORKED!
OH-OH! I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THEM!
VERY HANDY, THIS.
BAH! WE CAN'T GET AT THE BALL!
GOAL!
ONE PERSON ISN'T GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT US BEING SEWN TOGETHER.
SORRY, MUM! HAD TO BRING THEM HOME FOR TEA — WE'RE INSEPARABLE.
YIKES!

BALL BOY


WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF GARDENERS THIS WEEK — THE PITCH IS SO SMOOTH YOU COULD PLAY SNOOKER ON IT!

. . . WHICH CAUSES PROBLEMS!

UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE NOT CONTENT WITH GRASS . . .

. . . THEY'VE PUT IN ROSEBEDS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE PITCH.

NEVER MIND — ONCE I'M THROUGH . . .

THEY'LL BE TOO BUSY REPAIRING THE DAMAGE TO CHASE ME.

EASY GOAL!

BAH! MORE PESKY PLANTS.

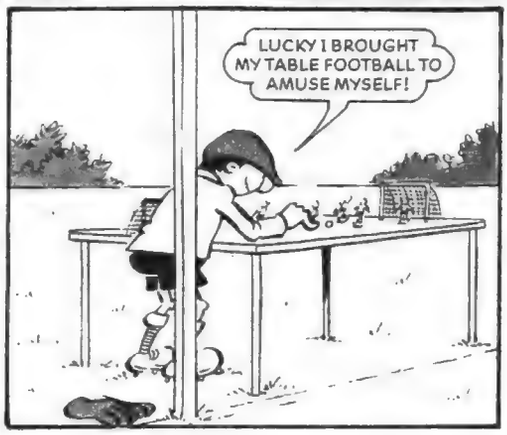
WAH!

I WOULDN'T NORMALLY MIND GETTING DIRTY . . .

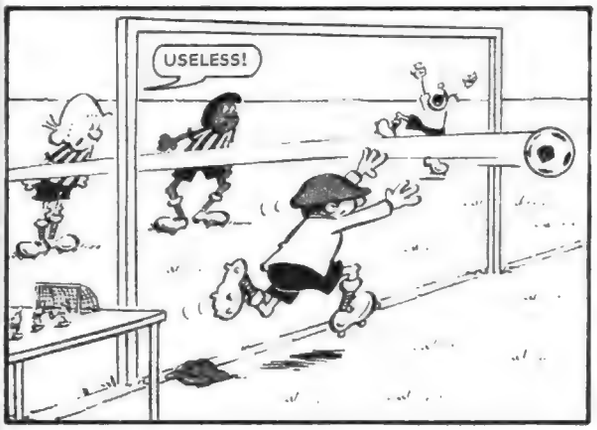
. . . BUT THE SHOWER FACILITIES HERE ARE RIDICULOUS!

BALL BOY

ALL THE PLAY IS AT THE OTHER END!


LUCKY I BROUGHT MY TABLE FOOTBALL TO AMUSE MYSELF!

OH-OH! HERE COMES THE BALL.


USELESS!

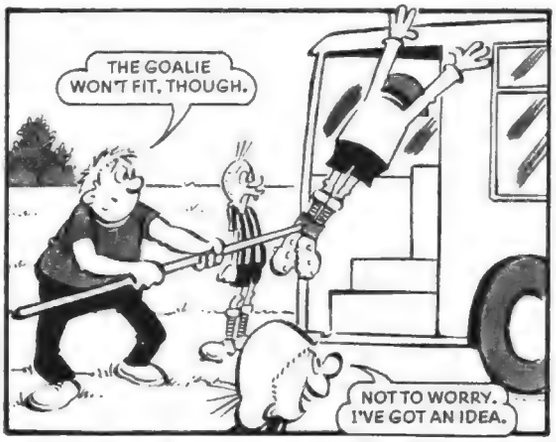
THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA!

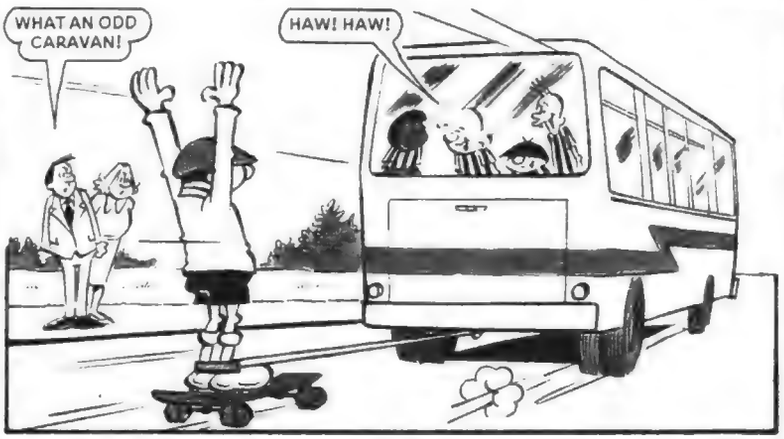
JUST STAY LIKE THAT WHILE I VARNISH YOU.

WE'LL MAKE YOU INTO A TABLE FOOTBALL GOALKEEPER.
A FAN

MUCH BETTER.

At the end of the match —
TIME TO GO HOME.


THE GOALIE WON'T FIT, THOUGH.
NOT TO WORRY. I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

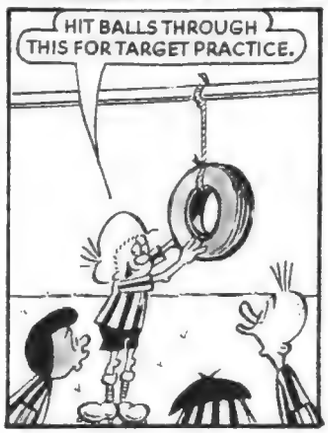

WHAT AN ODD CARAVAN!
HAW! HAW!

BALL BOY

BAH! COULDN'T GET A TICKET FOR THE BIG MATCH!
FULL
HAVE TO WATCH IT ON TV — IT'S NOT THE SAME!
I'D ENJOY IT MORE IF THE ROOM WAS LIKE A FOOTBALL TERRACE.
So—
PERFECT! JUST LIKE A TERRACE.
THIS GIVES ME SOMETHING TO LEAN ON.
TEATIME.
NOT LIKE THAT, MUM.
HERE YOU ARE! PIES! JUST LIKE A MATCH.
THE ONE GOOD THING ABOUT TURNING THIS INTO A FOOTBALL STADIUM . . .
. . . IS THAT I CAN THROW HIM OUT AT FULL TIME! OUT!
BAH! I'LL HAVE TO SLEEP AT THE PITCH.

BALL BOY

THAT LOT CAN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT.


HIT BALLS THROUGH THIS FOR TARGET PRACTICE.

BAH! IT'S TOO SMALL!

NOT FOR MY CAR IT ISN'T!

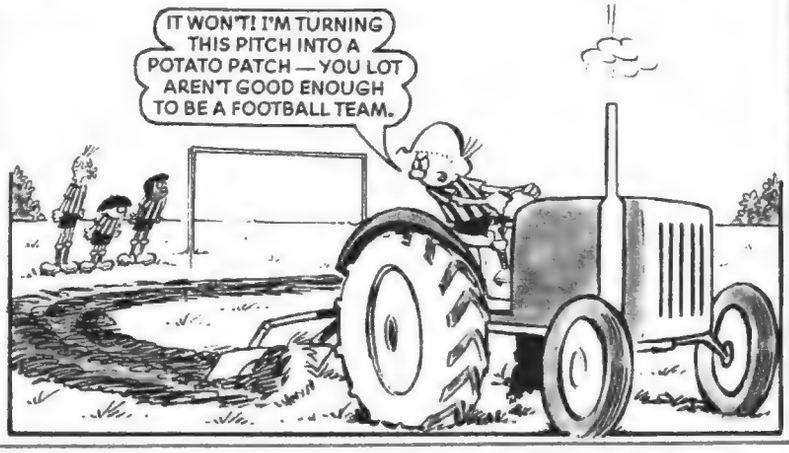
I'LL GET A BIGGER ONE TO MAKE IT EASIER!

Soon—

NOT EASY ENOUGH FOR THAT LOT!

I'M AWAY TO GET THE REST OF THE TRACTOR!

HOW WILL THAT IMPROVE OUR AIM?


IT WON'T! I'M TURNING THIS PITCH INTO A POTATO PATCH — YOU LOT AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A FOOTBALL TEAM.

BALL BOY

BEAT THE GOALIE COMPETITION FEATURING CHEESEBOROUGH ATHLETIC'S GOALKEEPER PETER STILTON!
WOW! I MUST TRY TO BEAT PETER.

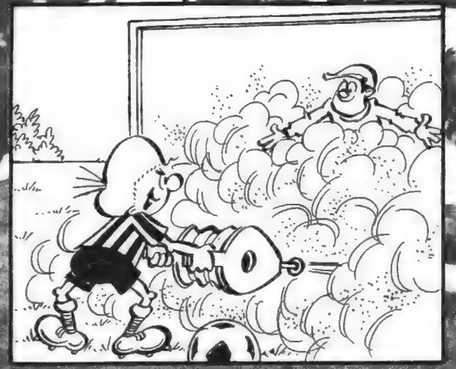
So—
I'LL PUT THE BALL HIGH INTO THE TOP CORNER.

GRR!
HA-HA! HARD LUCK!

I'LL BLAST THIS ONE.

TOO EASY!

I'VE ANOTHER PLAN . . . THE PITCH IS PRETTY DUSTY, SO . . .



I MUST SCORE!

But—
DIDN'T WORK, BALL BOY.

HOI! LOOK AT THE MESS YOU'RE IN. I JUST WASHED THAT STRIP.
S-SORRY, DEAR.

GOAL! PETER DIDN'T EXPECT THAT SORT OF BEAT THE GOALIE.
COME HERE AND BE DUSTED.

BALL BOY

THEY'LL NEVER REACH THAT TO HEAD IT!

WOW!

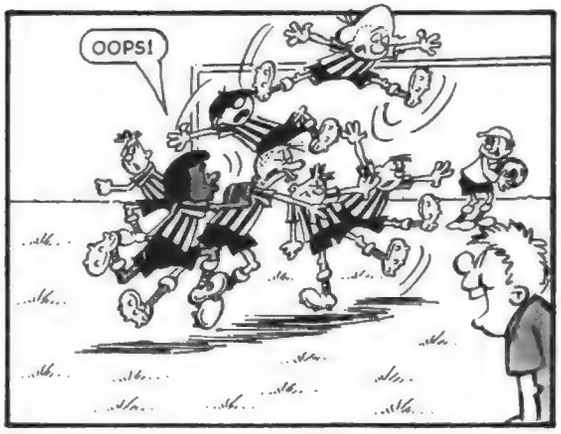
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!

RIGHT! THIS IS WHAT YOU DO . . .

So—

WAHEY! GREAT THING A HUMAN PYRAMID!

IT'S A GOAL!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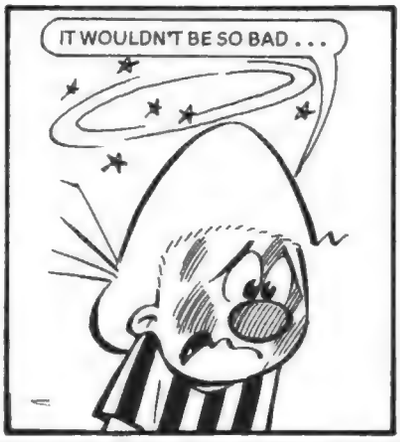
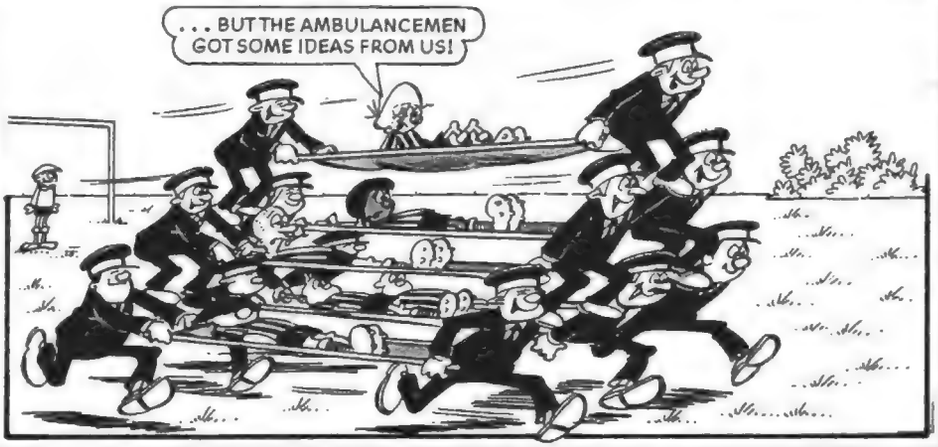

IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD . . .


. . . BUT THE AMBULANCEMEN GOT SOME IDEAS FROM US!

BALL BOY

I'LL JUMP UP AND HEAD THIS IN FOR AN EASY GOAL!
EH? I CAN'T GET UP.
YIKES! I'VE BEEN NAILED DOWN.
IT WAS ME! I GOT A YOUNG CARPENTER'S SET FOR MY BIRTHDAY.
Then —
I'LL SAVE THIS NO TROUBLE.
NO, I WON'T! CAN'T MOVE!
ANOTHER NAILING!
AND A HAMMERING! THIS MUST STOP!
I FOUND THIS IN THE CARPENTER'S SET.
THIS'LL KEEP HIM OUT OF TROUBLE.
UNLESS HE HAS A SLOT IN HIS CHIN TO UNSCREW HIMSELF WITH THE SCREWDRIVER.

BALL BOY

I'M SUCH A FOOTBALL FAN THAT I DON'T KNOCK ON DOORS . . .

I HEAD THEM!
BONK

DOH! FORGOT WHAT I CAME FOR — I'M DAZED.
WHAT IS IT?

I INVITED YOU TO TEA, REMEMBER.
YES!

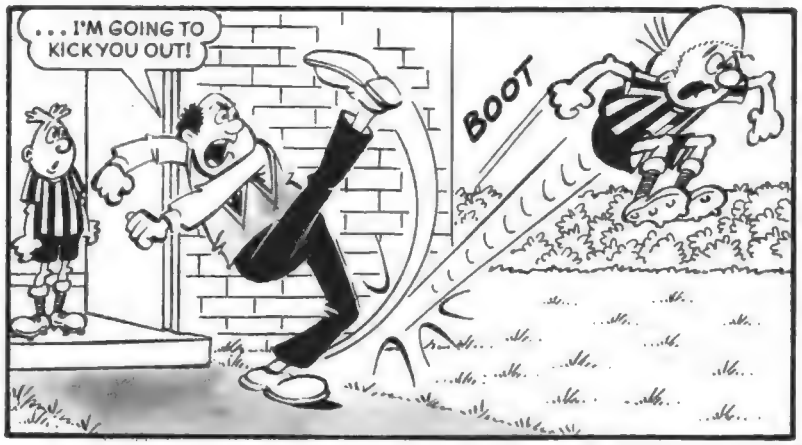
So—
PASS THE SALT, BALL BOY.

THIS IS HOW WE FOOTBALL FANS DO IT.

FIRST I DRIBBLE ROUND THE DEFENCE . . .

. . . THEN I LAY ON A BEAUTY OF A — OOPS!
BOOT

I'M A FOOTBALL FAN TOO — INSTEAD OF THROWING YOU OUT . . .


. . . I'M GOING TO KICK YOU OUT!
BOOT

BALL BOY

NO, MINE!
MY BALL!
MINE!
OOPS!
WHERE'S BALL BOY GONE?
Then —
WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY ROMAN REMAINS HERE? FELLOW ARCHAEOLOGIST?
AHA! WHAT'S THIS?
MUST BE ANCIENT ROMAN EAR ARMOUR.
LOOK HERE'S ANOTHER.
WOW! AND LOOK AT THIS.
IT'S A ROMAN CRASH HELMET.
WOW!
GASP WHAT CAN THIS BE?
I KNOW!
A VERY ANGRY BALL BOY!
GIVE ME MY BALL AND BOOTS BACK.

BALL BOY

BAH! OUR GOALIE CAN'T JUMP VERY FAR!

Then—
GUST
MY CAP!

HMM! HE CAN JUMP FOR HIS BELOVED CAP NO PROBLEM, THOUGH!

GIVE ME THAT!

And—

NOW HE'LL BE ABLE TO JUMP FOR HIGH BALLS.

But—
CRACK

GOT MY CAP BACK!

HOI! YOU'RE THE CAUSE OF THAT BROKEN BAR . . .

. . . SO YOU CAN FIX IT!
AH, WELL — AT LEAST I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HEAD AWAY ANYTHING THE GOALIE CAN'T REACH.

BALL BOY

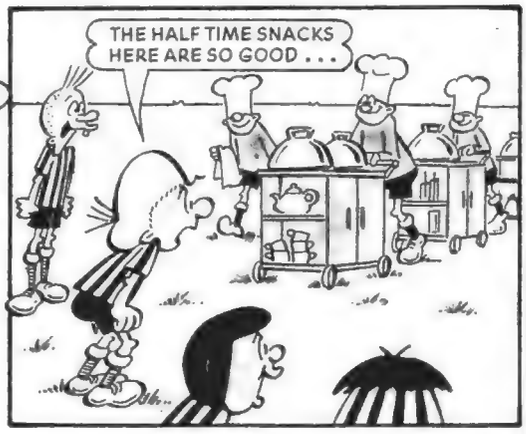
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST THE CATERING COLLEGE TODAY.

THOSE HATS ARE GOOD FOR HEADERS.

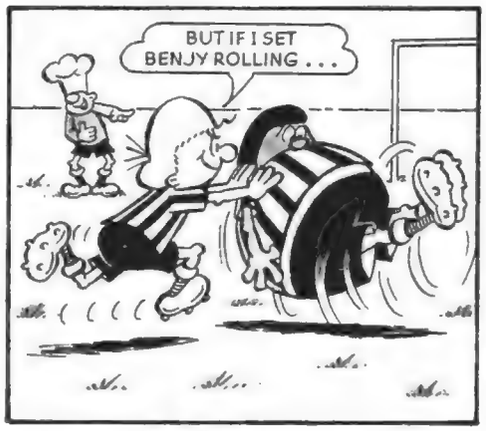
BUT . . .

. . . ALSO GOOD FOR PUTTING THE WHOLE TEAM OUT OF ACTION — WE'LL WIN EASILY.

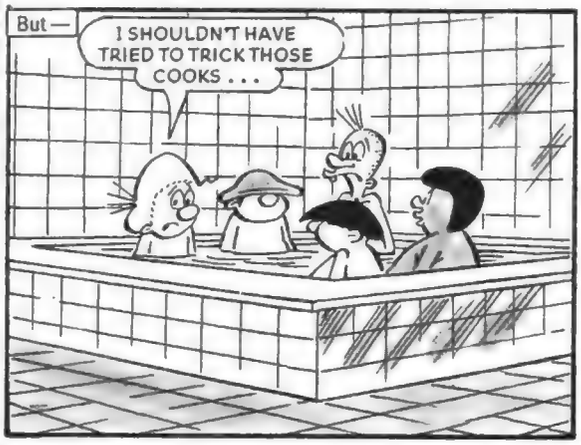
Then —
OH, NO! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS, THOUGH.


THE HALF TIME SNACKS HERE ARE SO GOOD . . .

. . . THAT NONE OF MY TEAM ARE FIT TO PLAY IN THE SECOND HALF.


BUT IF I SET BENJY ROLLING . . .

. . . HE CAN SCORE THAT WAY! WE WIN!


But —
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO TRICK THOSE COOKS . . .

. . . THEY PUT JELLY IN THE BATH.

BALL BOY

BRR! IT'S COLD ON THE SUBS' BENCH TODAY.
SHAKE

BAH! STOP SHIVERING, BALL BOY — YOU'VE SHAKEN ME OFF.
BOP!

I'LL WEAR ALL THE TEAM'S TRACKSUITS TO KEEP WARM.

But —
I'M A BIT TOO FAT TO GET ON THE BENCH NOW.
BOP!

I'LL USE A HOT WATER BOTTLE — THAT SHOULD BE HARMELSS.

AH! LOVELY!

But —
IT'S GOING TO BE A . . .

PHUT!
. . . GOAL — OOPS!

ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP BALL BOY ANNOYING US ANY MORE . . .

AH, WELL! AT LEAST IT IS WARM IN HERE.

BALL BOY

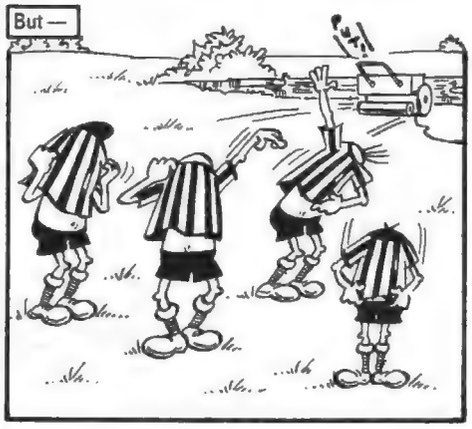
BAH! THE PITCH IS FAR TOO WET TO PLAY ON!

Then —
I'LL SOON SORT IT WITH MY NEW SQUEEGEE MACHINE!

Soon —
GREAT! WE CAN PLAY NOW.

AND WHEN OUR SHIRTS GET WET . . .

. . . WE CAN DRY THEM WITH THIS.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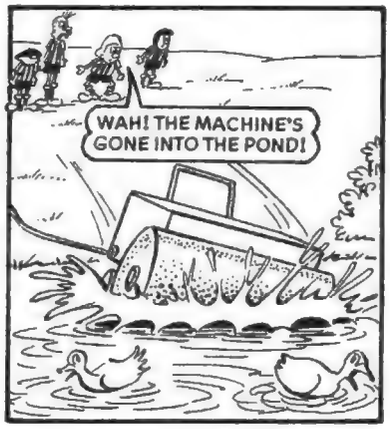
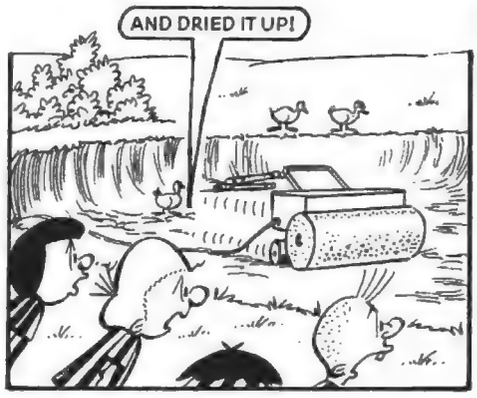
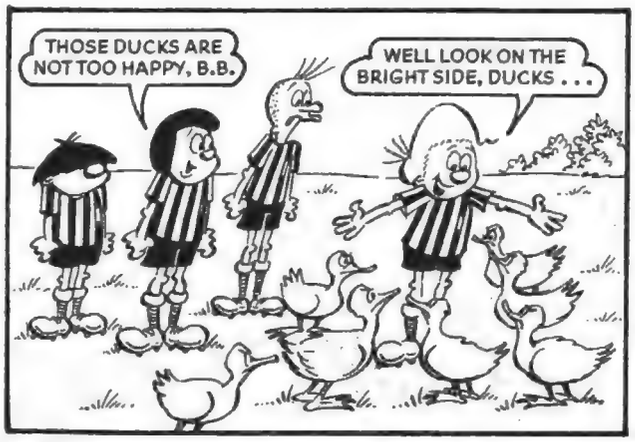

WAH! THE MACHINE'S GONE INTO THE POND!


AND DRIED IT UP!


THOSE DUCKS ARE NOT TOO HAPPY, B.B.
WELL LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, DUCKS . . .

. . . YOUR PITCH IS PLAYABLE NOW.

BALL BOY

TOO WET TO TRAIN OUTSIDE TODAY.
I'LL GO INTO A GYM INSTEAD.
GYM
HMM! NOTHING MUCH TO DO WITH FOOTBALL HERE.
UNLESS I DO THIS — SHOULD STRENGTHEN MY KICK.
KICK
But —
OOF!
WAH!
CRASH!
OUCH!
WONDER IF THAT DID IMPROVE MY KICKING!
PYOING!
IT DID! MEET ROBOBALLBOY!
BOOT!

BALL BOY

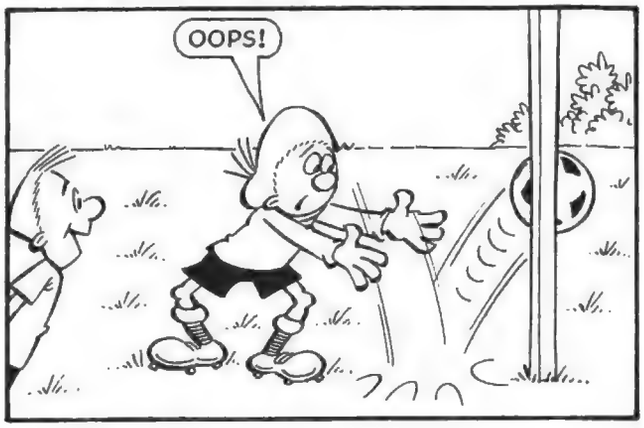
BRRR! COLD DAY TODAY!
COME ON, YOU LOT — TIME FOR THE MATCH.
But —
EH?
FAR
BAH!
FAR TOO COLD FOR US!
HAVE TO PLAY ON MY OWN — COULDN'T FIND ANYONE WHO'D BRAVE THE COLD.
THESE TWO WILL — I'M TAKING THEM OUT WHILE THEIR CAGE IS DEFROSTED.
So —
SHOULD SAVE THIS EASILY — POLAR BEARS DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A SHOT.
GREAT!
But —
EASY!
BAH! NOT EASY TO SAVE WITH HIM LEANING ON ME.
THERE'S ONE PROBLEM WITH HAVING BEARS AS TEAM-MATES.
THE AFTER-GOAL CELEBRATIONS ARE PRETTY PAINFUL!

BALL BOY

I'M GOING TO PUNISH MY TEAM FOR LAZINESS.
BENJY IS SO IDLE THAT INSTEAD OF CHASING THAT OPPONENT UP THE WING . . .
. . . HE'LL GET A BUS THERE.
HOI! YOU CAN'T LEAVE TILL YOU'VE PAID.
NEVER MIND! OUR GOALIE WILL SAVE IT!
But—
NO, I WON'T – I'LL LET MY TEDDY TRY.
GOAL!
YAWN!
I'M GOING TO THE MUSEUM TO GET SOMETHING TO PUNISH THEM WITH.
IT'S GOT TO BE DRASTIC – THE STOCKS!
THEY DON'T IMPROVE BENJY'S SPEED MUCH . . .
. . . BUT THEY DO IMPROVE OUR GOALIE'S PERFORMANCE.
BONK!
HOI! YOU'RE MEANT TO SHOOT PAST ME NOT AT ME!

BALL BOY

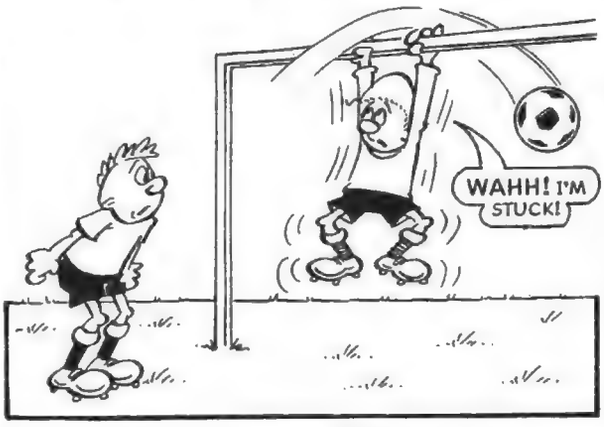
AN EASY SAVE!


OOPS!

BAH! THESE GLOVES ARE TOO WORN OUT AND SLIPPY.

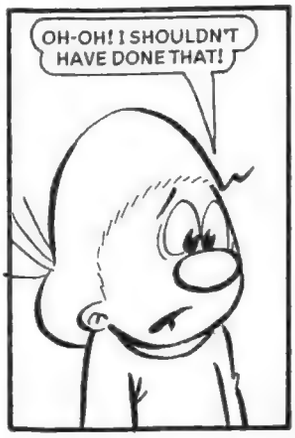
THIS GLUE SHOULD HELP.

So—


WAHH! I'M STUCK!

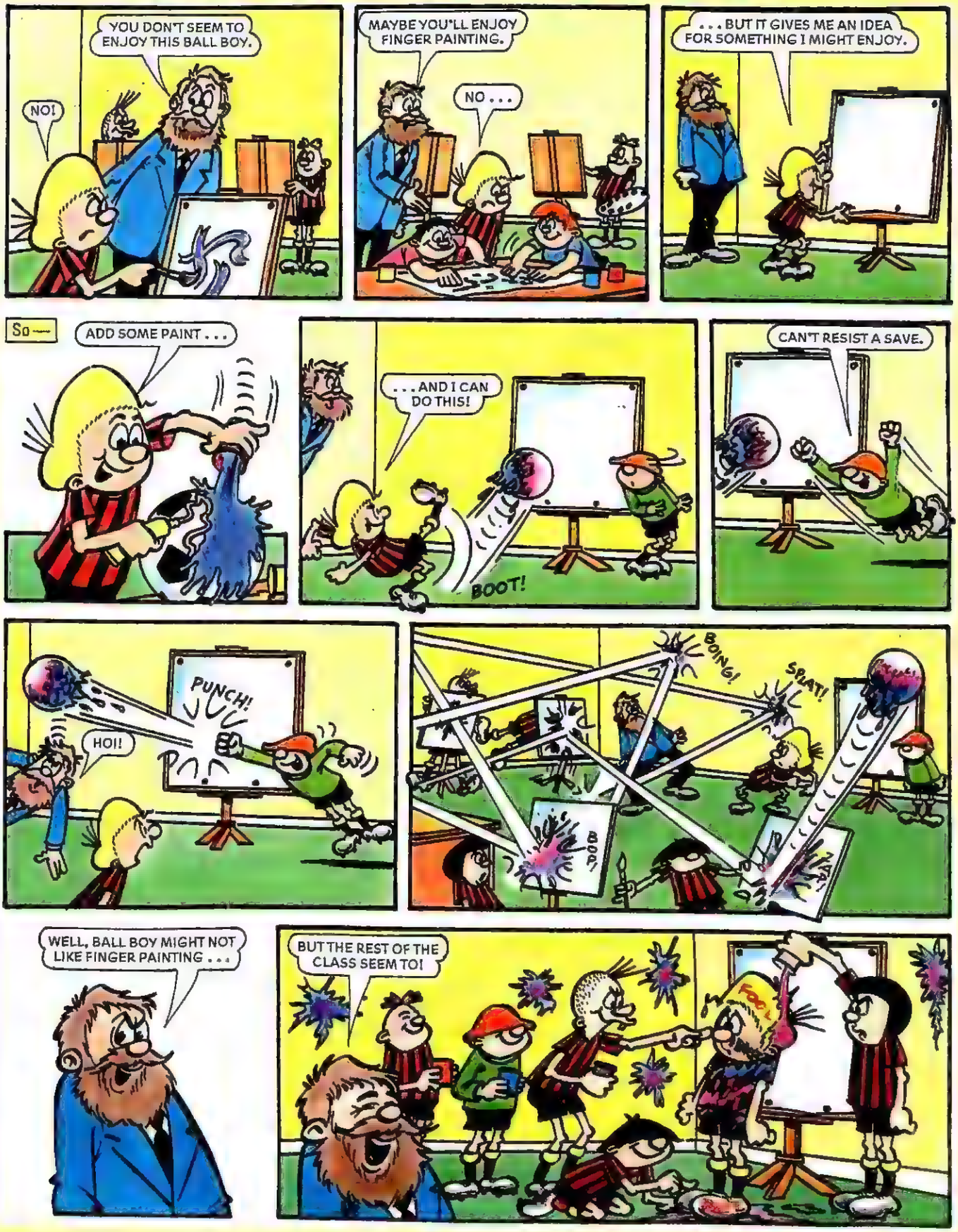
BUT IF I DISLODGE THE BAR . . .

. . . I CAN SAVE SHOTS EASILY.


OH-OH! I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!

OCH AYE! I LOVE CABER TOSSING . . .
ERK! I FORGOT OUR OPPONENTS HAD A LARGE SCOTTISH PLAYER.

BALL BOY


YOU DON'T SEEM TO ENJOY THIS BALL BOY.
NO!
MAYBE YOU'LL ENJOY FINGER PAINTING.
NO . . .
. . . BUT IT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR SOMETHING I MIGHT ENJOY.
So —
ADD SOME PAINT . . .
. . . AND I CAN DO THIS!
BOOT!
CAN'T RESIST A SAVE.
PUNCH!
HOI!
BOING!
SPLAT!
BOOT
WELL, BALL BOY MIGHT NOT LIKE FINGER PAINTING . . .
BUT THE REST OF THE CLASS SEEM TO!

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM WHILE IN SPAIN THIS WEEK!
BALL BOY
I'M SURE WE'LL WIN THIS GAME!
PEEP
HOI! YOUR WHISTLE'S A BIT LOUD, REF!
IT'S HURTING OUR EARDRUMS, MATE!
So—
PEEP
EH? TWO SENT OFF IN THE FIRST MINUTE! NOT LIKE THEM TO CHEEK THE REF!
Next—
PEEP
THUD
HUH! A BIT OBVIOUS, LADS!
Later—
IN FOR THE HEAD, LADS!
PERFECT!
BOOT
EH?
GRAB
HA-HA!
And—
OFF!
PEEP
I'M THE ONLY PLAYER LEFT ON OUR SIDE NOW!
THUD
Then—
AHA! NOW I SEE WHY THEY ALL WANTED TO BE SENT FOR AN EARLY BATH!

BALL BOY

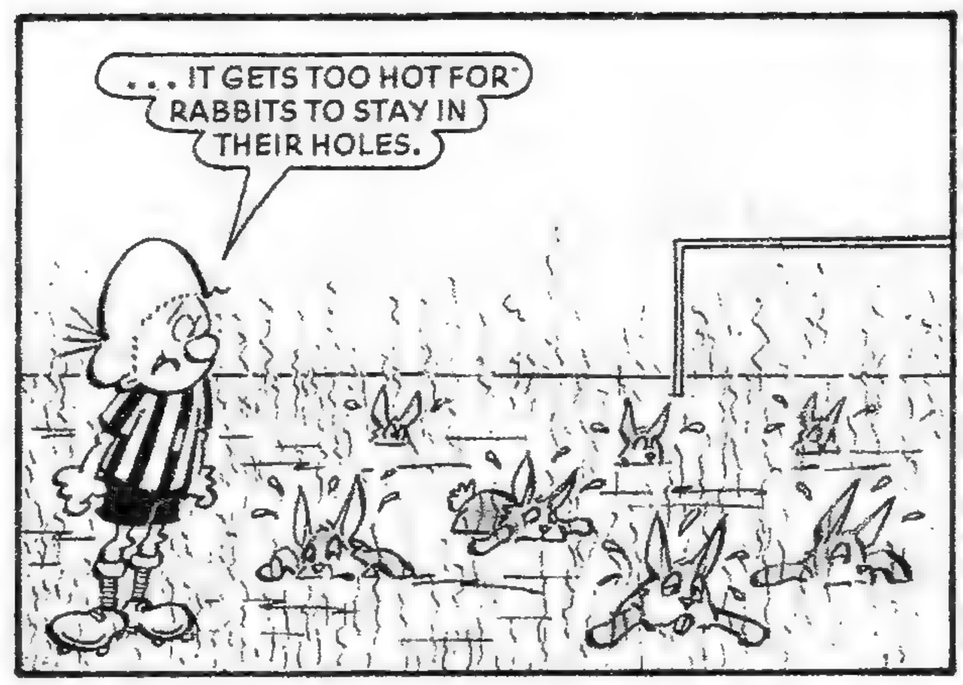
I WONDER IF IT'S COLD ENOUGH TO NEED THE UNDERSOIL HEATING TODAY?

DUMMY'S HEAD MAKES A GOOD SOLID CLUNK ON THE PITCH . . .
CLUNK!

. . . ALL THE SUBS ARE FROZEN TOGETHER!

IT IS COLD ENOUGH FOR THE UNDERSOIL HEATING.

BUT WHEN I PUT IT ON . . .


. . . IT GETS TOO HOT FOR RABBITS TO STAY IN THEIR HOLES.

IT'S NOT EASY PLAYING OVER SUNBATHING RABBITS.

LUCKILY WE'VE BEEN TRAINING TO DO IT — WE KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

Soon —
OUR OPPONENTS WEREN'T TOO HAPPY WITH THAT . . .

. . . AND NEITHER ARE THE RABBITS NOW.
HMPH! WE WANT BACK NOW!
THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO CHEAT.

BALL BOY

WOW! HE'S KEEN ON HIS JOB.
HO-HO! I LOVE STICKING UP POSTERS.
BUY THINGS 150% OFF SOME!
BREATHE AIR! IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
USE PIGGO FOR PRISTINE PORKERS
The BEANO IS ON SALE TODAY
WHICH GIVES ME AN IDEA.
So —
OW! I'VE BEEN FOULED.
GREAT! THEY'VE FORMED A WALL.
A WALL! CAN'T RESIST IT.
MUST PASTE A POSTER ON IT.
EAT AT JOE'S
EASY TO SCORE NOW — THEY CAN'T MOVE!
But —
WHAT A GREAT ADVERTISING IDEA! COME AND WORK FOR ME.
HAVE PILES OF MONEY!
WE'LL USE THE MONEY TO HIRE OTHER FOOTBALLERS TO FINISH THE MATCH.
Soon —
BAH! WISH I HADN'T HAD THAT POSTER IDEA NOW.

BALL BOY

BAH! I HATE COOKERY.

BUT IF I PUT TWO OF THESE PLASTIC BOWLS TOGETHER . . .

. . . AND GIVE THEM A BIT OF DECORATION . . .

. . . I CAN MIX THE CAKE BY PLAYING FOOTBALL.

HMM! THIS TIN'S THE WRONG SHAPE.

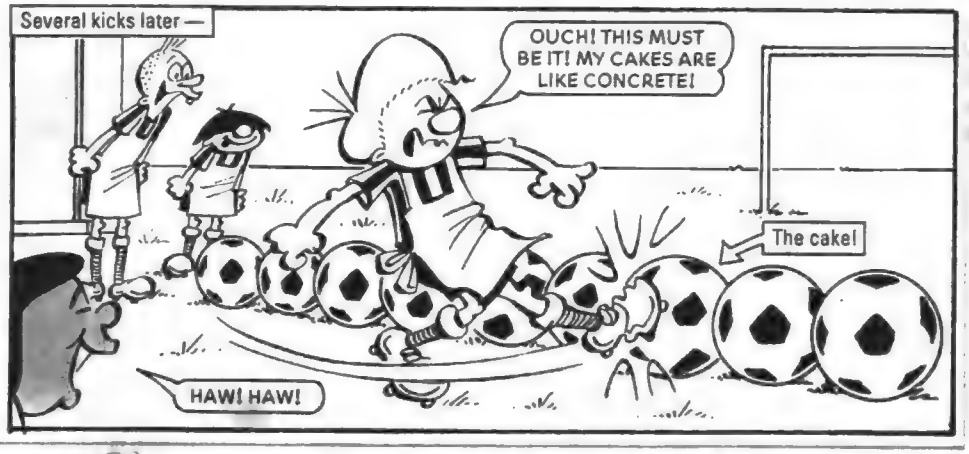
I WANT SOMETHING . . .

. . . MORE FOOTBALL SHAPED.

Later —
PERFECT! NOW THAT I'VE ICED IT. . .
ICING

. . . IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A FOOTBALL!

SO ALIKE THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE IT IS.


Several kicks later —
OUCH! THIS MUST BE IT! MY CAKES ARE LIKE CONCRETE!
The cake!
HAW! HAW!

BALL BOY

OOER! THE TEAM WE'RE PLAYING TODAY ARE THE WORST HACKERS IN THE LEAGUE.
THAT'S HOW THEY WARM UP!
BETTER GET OUR SHIN-GUARDS OUT.
MINE HAVE GONE!
MINE TOO!
THERE THEY ARE!
DON'T WANT THAT LOT KICKING MY POSTS.
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GET OUR LEGS PUT IN PLASTER BEFORE THE GAME.
IT'LL SAVE US HAVING IT DONE AFTERWARDS.
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH THE BALL, THOUGH.
DON'T WORRY — I THOUGHT OF THAT!
YOU DON'T NEED TO RUN FOR A BALL IF IT'S PLASTERED TO YOUR FOOT.

BALL BOY

I CAN KICK THE BALL HARDER THAN YOU!
CAN'T!
I CAN! WHEN I KICK IT . . .
. . . THE GOALIE IS KNOCKED INTO THE NET.
. . . AND THEN ON INTO THE POND . . .
. . . WHERE HE CATCHES A FISH!
THAT'S NOTHING! MY KICK . . .
. . . KNOCKS HIM SO HARD . . .
. . . HE FLIES RIGHT OVER THE POND . . .
. . . AND CATCHES ALL THE FISH IN IT!
GRR!
WHICH EVER ONE OF US KICKS HARDEST . . .
. . . THE ANGLER THAT KICKED ME CERTAINLY KICKS HARDER THAN THE ONE THAT KICKED YOU!
YUM! I'LL HAVE FISH FOR TEA.

SICKENING SOFTNESS
4
BLECH! JUST LOOK AT SOME OF THE DISGUSTING SOPPYNESS THAT SOFT WEED WALTER HAS GOT UP TO ON MY PAGE REVOLTING!
SOON—
I'LL ALL THE SOLDIERS SWEET VIOLET
TS PER
HAW-HAW HE'S PLAYING WITH GIRLS — HE'S BABY OF COURSE
GOT TO BE CARE I'M VERY SWEET CONSCIOUS
Oh sweet and cuddly darling Teddy, you keep me cosy in my beddy. You are my dearest little chummy, My favourite pal next to my Mummy
BONK!
THUMP
THWACK!
BALL BOY
BAH! THAT LOT COULDN'T JUMP FOR TOFFEE
THAT'S NOT TOO GOOD FOR MY KNEES, THOUGH.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER COACH?
YOU NEED TO ALTER THE BALL SO THEY CAN HEAD MY HIGH CROSSES.
THAT'S ME WHEN I'M ON
FLOAT DOWN SLOWLY
WHEN A GIVES TIME TO HOLD A
...HUMAN PYRAMID
FASTEST SHOT AT GOAL
BETTER PASS IT BACK THROUGH
THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET DOWN
WORST HANDBALL I'VE EVER SEEN

BALL BOY

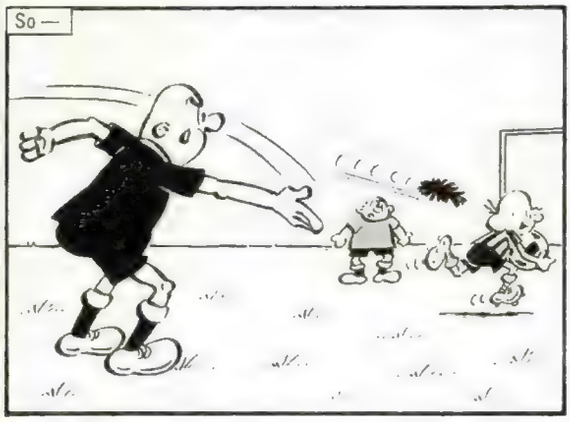
TODAY'S REF WEARS A WIG.

SO IF I DO THIS . . .

. . . HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE . . .

. . . AND I CAN GET AWAY WITH AS MANY FOULS AS I WANT.

BAH! I'LL STOP HIM.


So —

WAH! THAT TICKLES!

HEE! HEE! HEE!

RIGHT! NOW I'M GOING TO SEND BALL BOY OFF!

COME ON! WHERE IS HE?
HIS WIG GAVE ME A GOOD IDEA!

BALL BOY

WE'RE TAKING ON THE CIRCUS'S PERFORMING SEALS TODAY.

THEY'RE ALL GREAT HEADERS OF THE BALL!

THE TRAINER THROWS THEM FISH WHENEVER THEY DO WELL!

THAT'S GIVEN ME AN IDEA!

So —
GOOD PASS, BENJY!

GREAT GOAL, TITCH!

HAVE A SWEETIE!

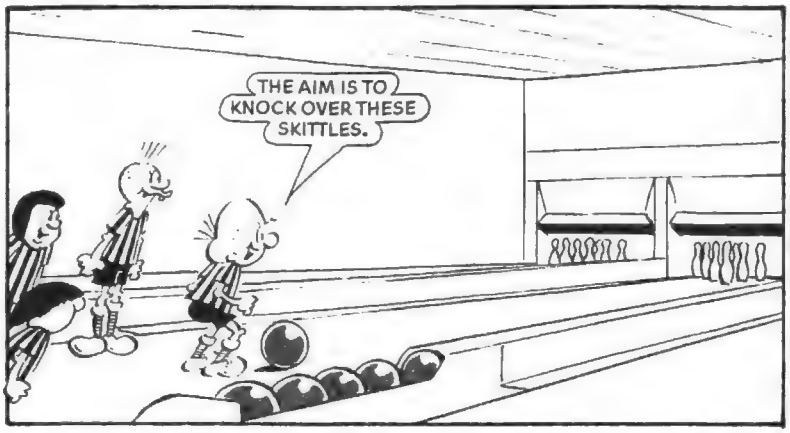
At the end of the game —
MY TACTICS WORKED — WE'VE BEATEN THE SEALS!

THERE IS ONE PROBLEM, THOUGH. THEY'RE SO ANNOYED AT LOSING THE GAME . . .

THEY WON'T GIVE US THE SOAP IN THE BATH!

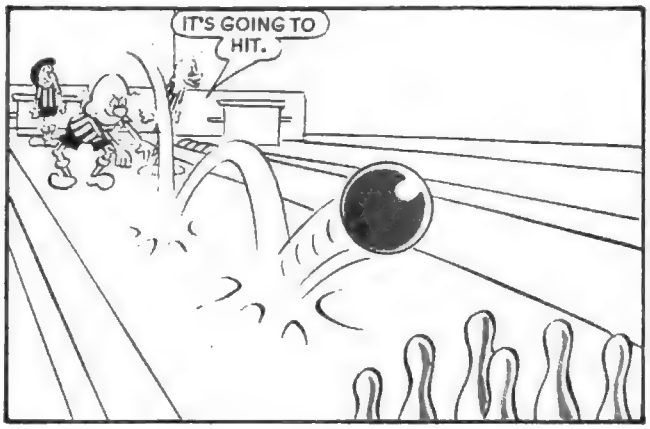
BALL BOY

BOWLING ALLEY
I THINK WE SHOULD TRY A DIFFERENT SPOR THIS WEEK.


THE AIM IS TO KNOCK OVER THESE SKITTLES.

OW! THE BALL'S TOO HEAVY TO KICK!
THUNK!

I'LL TRY A THROW-IN.


IT'S GOING TO HIT.

GREAT SAVE!

But —
STOP THIS NONSENSE! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.

YOU USE THESE HOLES TO HOLD THE BALL — AND YOU DON'T TRY TO SAVE IT!

So —
THIS IS MUCH BETTER.
AND IT'S GIVEN ME AN IDEA WE CAN USE IN FOOTBALL.

Later —
CAN'T SEE IT WORKING, DIMMY.
FINGERHOLES WILL HELP THE GOALIE!

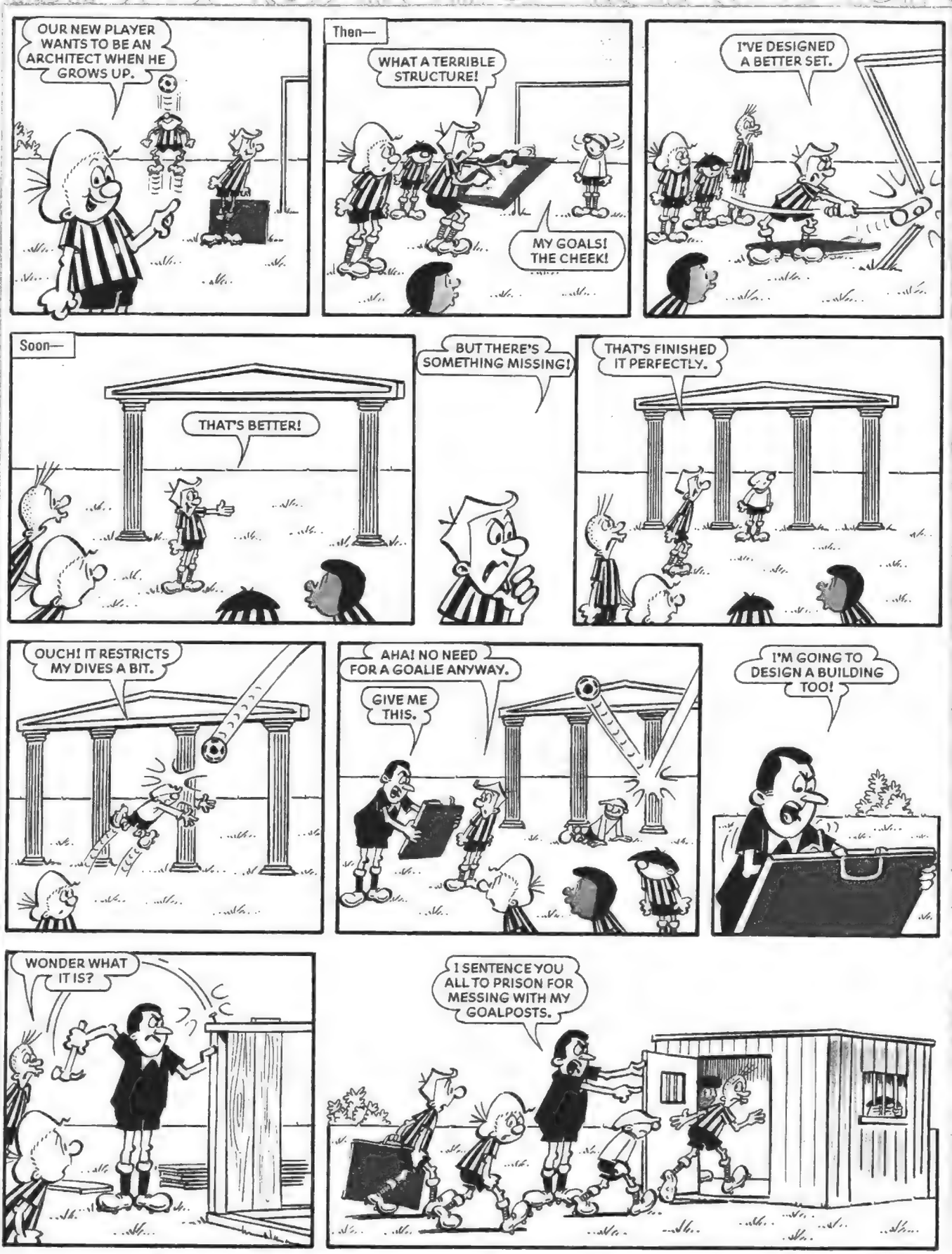
BALL BOY

BEING A GOOD FOOTBALLER SAVES A LOT OF ENERGY.
NO NEED TO GET UP TO SWITCH ON THE TV.
CLICK
I FANCY A GLASS OF MILK.
So —
MILK
EASY!
WHY CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING USEFUL LIKE THE DISHES?
TURNING ON THE TAP IS NO PROBLEM.
OOPS! BUT GETTING THE DISHES IN THE SINK ISN'T EASY.
DON'T WORRY, MUM I'LL PUNISH MYSELF.
OUCH!
THANKS, B.B.

BALL BOY

HMM! THEY'RE PUTTING A RUNNING TRACK ROUND THE PITCH!
Soon —
BAH! THE LINESMAN WON'T BE MUCH USE TO US TODAY. HE'S A KEEN ATHLETE.
I'M WINNING!
Then —
THAT'S A CORNER!
I'LL NEED A LONG RUN UP.
WAH!
OOPS! KICKED THE WRONG THING!
OO! TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO HEAD!
HAVE TO DIVERT THIS TRACK!
IT DOESN'T GO ROUND THE PITCH NOW.
But —
IT DOES GO ROUND THE CHANGING ROOMS THOUGH!
NO BATHS FOR US. WE CAN'T GET IN!
So —
LUCKY THEY HAD A WATER-JUMP IN THE OLD TRACK.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN LUCKY — IT'S FREEZING! BRRRR!

BALL BOY


OUR NEW PLAYER WANTS TO BE AN ARCHITECT WHEN HE GROWS UP.
Then—
WHAT A TERRIBLE STRUCTURE!
MY GOALS! THE CHEEK!
I'VE DESIGNED A BETTER SET.
Soon—
THAT'S BETTER!
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING!
THAT'S FINISHED IT PERFECTLY.
OUCH! IT RESTRICTS MY DIVES A BIT.
AHA! NO NEED FOR A GOALIE ANYWAY.
GIVE ME THIS.
I'M GOING TO DESIGN A BUILDING TOO!
WONDER WHAT IT IS?
I SENTENCE YOU ALL TO PRISON FOR MESSING WITH MY GOALPOSTS.

BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF PUPPETEERS THIS WEEK.
WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
WE'RE GONG DOWN THIS MINESHAFT . . .
. . . SO OUR PUPPETS CAN PLAY THE GAME FOR US!
WOW! THEY'RE GOOD!
PENALTY!
OUCH! AND DIRTY!
I'LL PUT IT HIGH!
OUCH! CAN'T REACH!
THAT'S IT! WE'VE WON!
OOW!
I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID IT WITH A TEAM AS DAFT AS MINE, THOUGH!
YOU CAN'T SWAP STRIPS AFTER THIS GAME, DOLTS!

BALL BOY

WE TRAIN HARD IN THIS GYM FOR OUR MATCHES.
WE'RE THE OPPOSITION, AND WE TRAIN IN THERE!
DANCE SCHOOL
So—
WHEN WE DO THIS . . .
. . . WE CAN PASS VERY PAST . . .
. . .TO OUR COSSACK DANCING STRIKER!
GOALSKI!
HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME DANCE TACTICS OF MY OWN!
DANCING FOR BEGINNERS
So—
THAT'LL KEEP MOST OF THE TEAM OCCUPIED . . .
. . . WHILE I DO THE TWIST WITH MY OPPOSITE NUMBER.
OOPS! TWISTED TOO HARD!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME SCORING!
BAH! EXCEPT A GOALIE WHO'S BEEN PRACTISING HIS BALLET LIFTS!

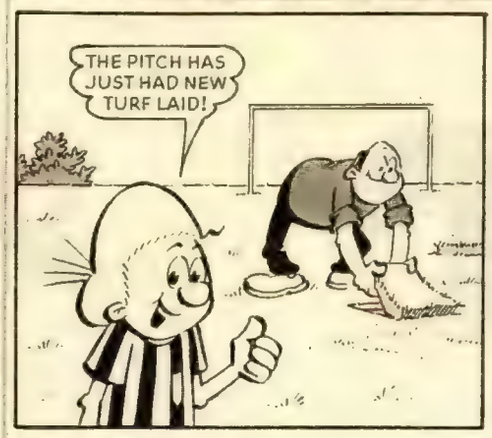
BALL BOY

BALL BOY EASILY BEATS A DEFENDER . . .
. . . OOF! AND GETS CAUGHT BY A WATER DIVINER.
SORRY! BUT I GOT A REALLY STRONG READING JUST . . .
. . . HERE!
SQUIRT!
THIS COULD BE GOOD FOR FOOTBALL!
SLOOSH!
FAR EASIER THAN DRIBBLING!
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME!
AHA! SAVED!
THIS DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH FOR US TO DO!
So—
THIS IS FAR BETTER!
WAH! LET US DOWN!

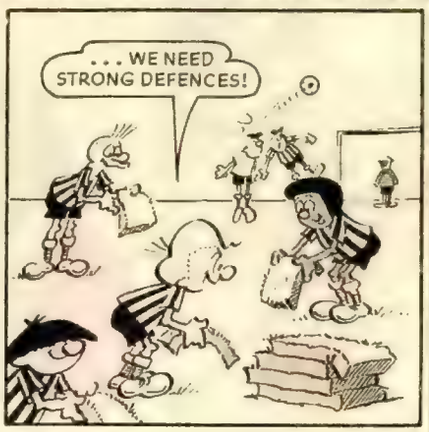
BALL BOY

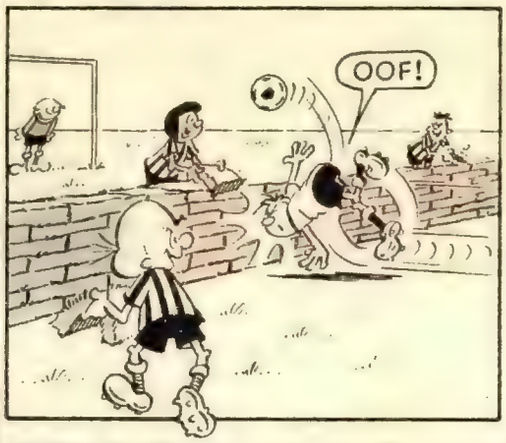
PHEW! IT'S HOT ON THE SUB'S BENCH TODAY!
I'M GOING TO TRADE THIS IN!
THIS IS WHAT I NEED ON A DAY LIKE THIS.
SUN OIL
OOPS!
SLIDE
WAH!
OOER!
WAH! THE WIND'S GOT UP.
WHOOOSH!
AHA!
GREAT SAVE, BALL BOY — KEEP IT UP AND THEN I CAN DO SOME SUNBATHING.
THUNK!

BALL BOY


THE PITCH HAS JUST HAD NEW TURF LAID!

WHICH IS HANDY BECAUSE WITH OPPONENTS THIS GOOD . . .


. . . WE NEED STRONG DEFENCES!


OOF!

FOR YOU, BALL BOY.

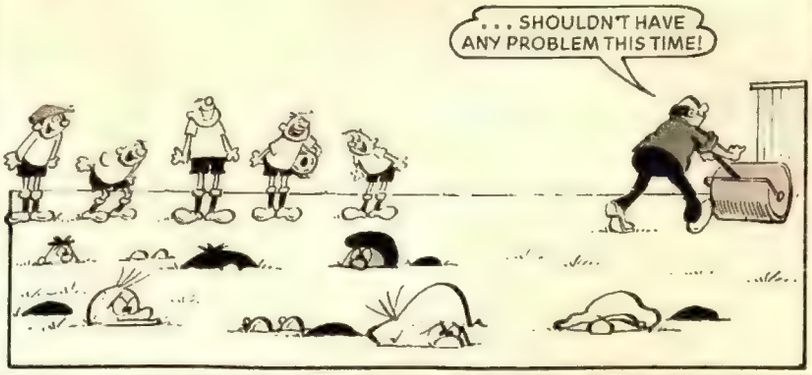
UP I GO ON HERE.

GOAL!

OH-OH! THE GROUNDSMAN ISN'T TOO HAPPY.
GRR!

N-NOT HAPPY AT ALL.

Soon—
I'VE FILLED IN THE PATCHES B.B.'S TEAM TORE UP . . .


. . . SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM THIS TIME!

BALL BOY

Kick off time—

OOPS! FORGOT THE BALL TODAY!

I'LL BORROW SOME OF YOUR SPARE CAPS, GOALIE . . .

. . . AND MAKE A BALL FROM THEM!

GREAT BALL!

But—
WAH! THE GOALIE IS EATING IT!
CHOMP!

OOPS!
YES! YOU SEWED MY HALF-TIME PIE INTO IT!

WE'LL BORROW THIS DOG'S BALL INSTEAD!
WOOFHO!!

I'M TAKING IT BACK!
WOW! WHAT A PLAYER!

I'M GOING TO SIGN YOU UP!

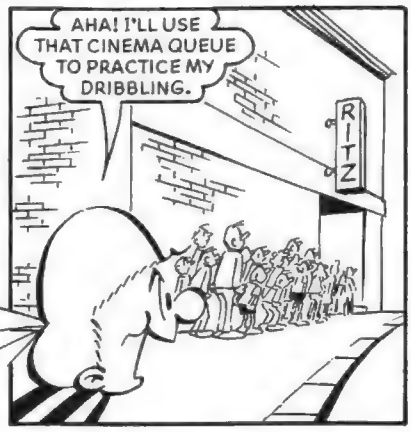
OR MAYBE NOT!
WOOF! NEVER SIGNED MY NAME BEFORE.

BALL BOY

ROGER HAS LENT ME THIS DODGE BOOK TO HELP ME WITH THIS GAME.
So —
I'LL TRY THE "STICKY JERSEYS" DODGE.
NOW I LET THE OPPOSITION SCORE . . .
. . . AND AFTER THEY'VE HUGGED . . .
. . . WE CAN DO WHAT WE LIKE — THEY'RE STUCK!
LET'S GET RESTARTED.
OOPS! MUST HAVE GOT SOME GLUE ON MY HANDS.
HANDBALL!
WE'RE GOING TO ENJOY TAKING THIS FREE KICK!
WELL DONE, B.B. — YOU'VE JUST INVENTED A "CHEAP WAY TO TRAVEL" DODGE.

BALL BOY

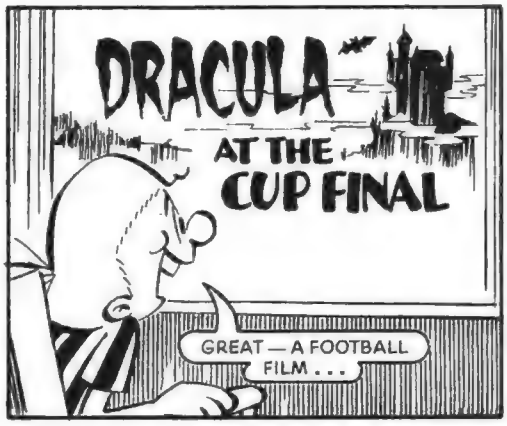
BAH! NO-ONE TO TRAIN WITH TODAY.


AHA! I'LL USE THAT CINEMA QUEUE TO PRACTICE MY DRIBBLING.
RITZ

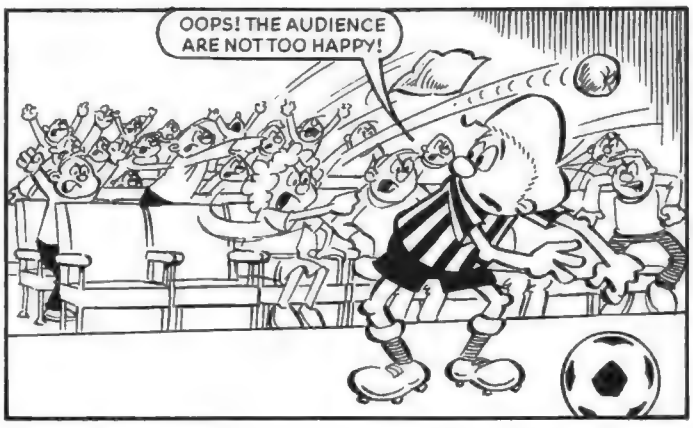
GREAT!

But —
OOPS! I'M TOP OF THE QUEUE — BETTER BUY A TICKET.

WONDER WHAT THE FILM IS?


DRACULA
AT THE CUP FINAL
GREAT — A FOOTBALL FILM . . .

. . . I CAN PRETEND TO BE PLAYING IN IT!
HO!!


OOPS! THE AUDIENCE ARE NOT TOO HAPPY!

So —
I THINK I'LL HAVE SOME FOOTBALL PRACTICE TOO.

LITTER
YOU DON'T NEED PRACTICE — YOUR THROW-INS ARE PERFECT!

BALL BOY

I LOVE A KICK ABOUT AT BREAK TIME.

PITY WE'VE GOT TO STOP TO GO INTO CLASS, THOUGH.

NO, WE DON'T.
WOW! HE'S PUT ON WEIGHT!

WE'LL PLAY UNDER THE DESKS.

CAN'T RESIST A SHOT.
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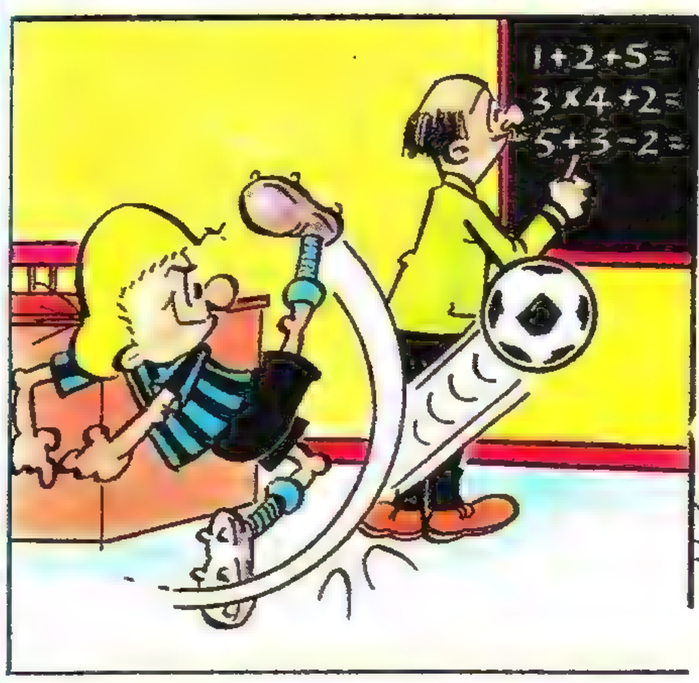
1+2+5=
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5+3-2=

OOPS!

BAH! CAN'T DO ANY SUMS NOW!
GREAT!

WELL DONE, BALL BOY — YOU'RE A HERO!
BUT MAYBE . . .

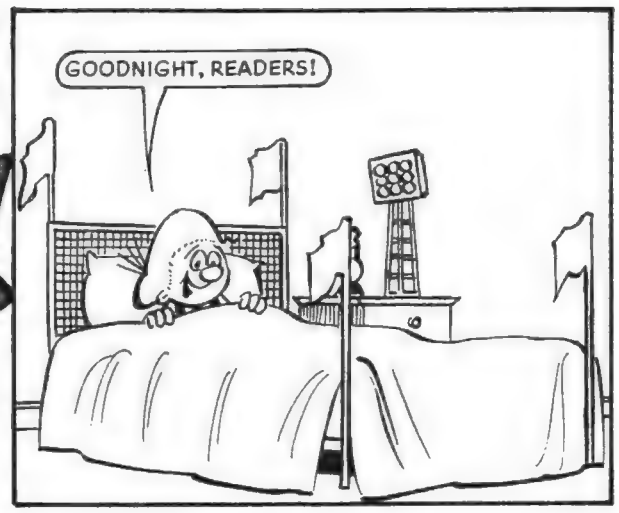
SEVEN MINUS TWO EQUALS . . .
BAH! PESKY FOOTBALL STRIPS.

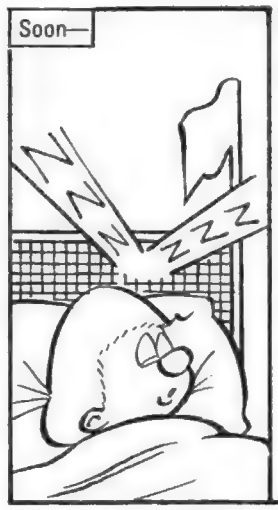
BALL BOY

WONDER HOW THE MATCH IS GOING TO GO?
I'LL ASK THIS FORTUNE TELLER.
Madame Balliza
SPORTING FORTUNE TELLER
AHA! A FOOTBALL QUESTION . . .
. . . THIS IS NO GOOD.
I'LL NEED MY CRYSTAL FOOTBALL.
I SEE YOU WILL SCORE A GOAL.
GOOD!
OH! BUT BEFORE THAT, YOU WILL COMMIT A TERRIBLE FOUL.
WE'LL WIN! I'LL SCORE.
MAYBE NOT NOW.
YOU SEE, MY HUSBAND WILL BE THE REFEREE!
OH-OH!
So—
I'VE HEARD WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO — YOU'RE OFF BEFORE THE MATCH STARTS!
BAH! PESKY FORTUNE TELLERS.

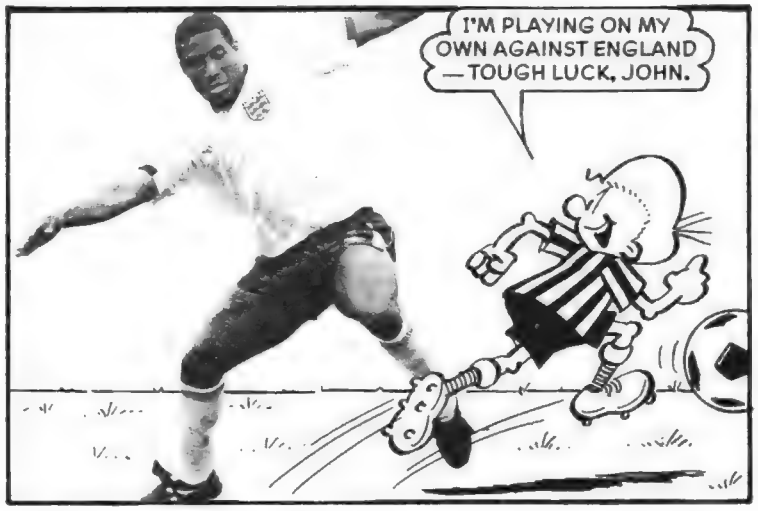
BALL BOY
WHAT A BUNCH OF NO-HOPERS — EASY WIN FOR US THIS WEEK.
A CERTAIN GOAL!
OOPS!
WOW! WORM CHARMERS.
DON'T WORRY — I'LL SORT THINGS OUT.
OH-OH! OUR OPPONENTS ARE ON THE ATTACK!
HEH-HEH! AN EASY GOAL FOR ME.
BAH! NO GOALPOSTS!
YUM! VERY GOOD OF BENJY TO LET ME EAT THIS WOOD.
MUNCH!
NO GOALS! WORMS ALL OVER THE PITCH . . . WHAT DO WE DO NOW, REF? REF . . ?
BAH!
GONE FISHING Ref.

BALL BOY


GOODNIGHT, READERS!


Soon—

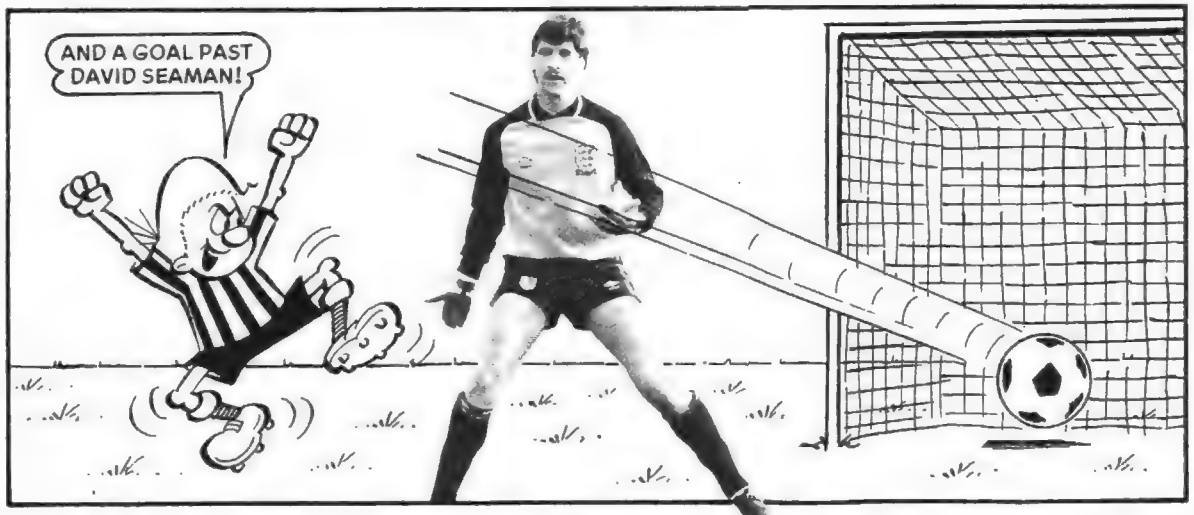
BRILLIANT! MY DREAM'S TAKING ME TO WEMBLY.


I'M PLAYING ON MY OWN AGAINST ENGLAND —TOUGH LUCK, JOHN.

'BYE, GAZZA!

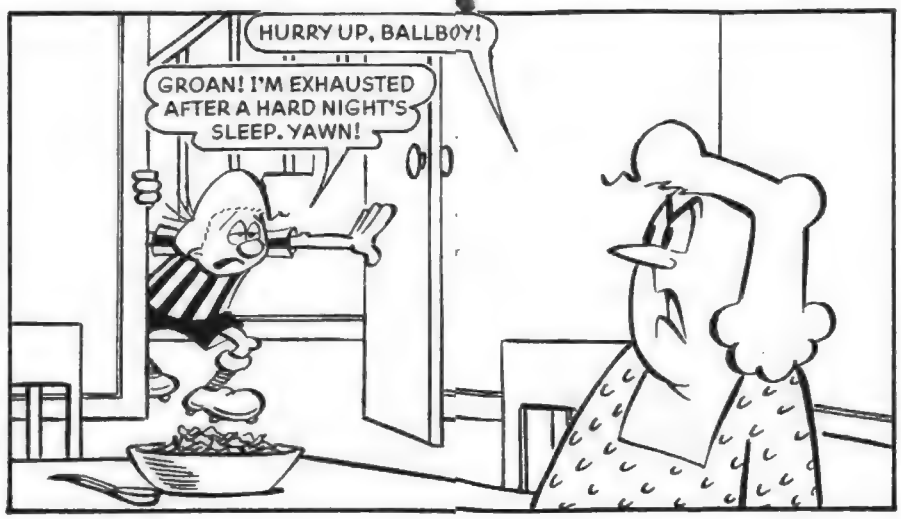
I'LL PUT UP A HIGH ONE!

HARD LUCK, MARK WRIGHT.


AND A GOAL PAST DAVID SEAMAN!

PHWEEP!
FULL TIME! I'VE WON.

YAWN! IT WAS MY ALARM CLOCK!
PHWEEP!

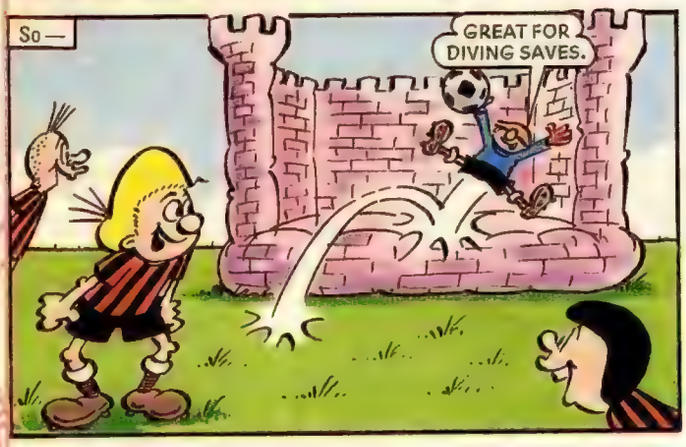

HURRY UP, BALLBOY!
GROAN! I'M EXHAUSTED AFTER A HARD NIGHT'S SLEEP. YAWN!

BALL BOY

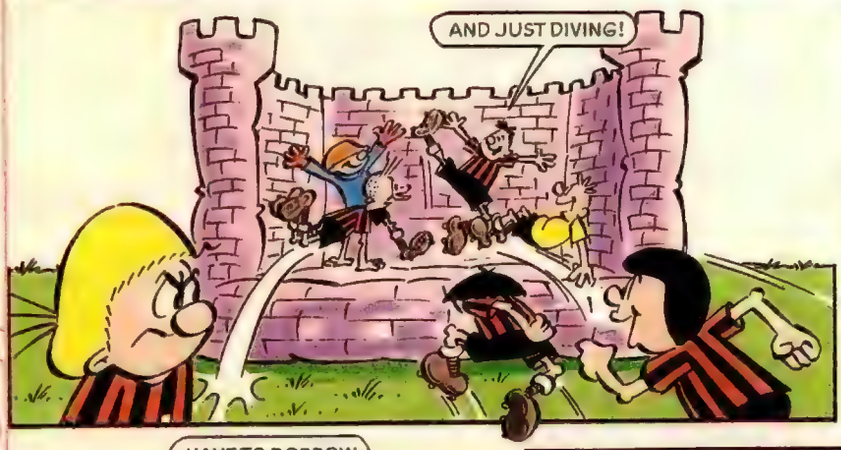
HMM! VERY HARD GROUND TODAY . . .

WE'LL RUN OUT OF GOALKEEPERS IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING!

I KNOW! I'LL USE THAT AS THE GOALS!

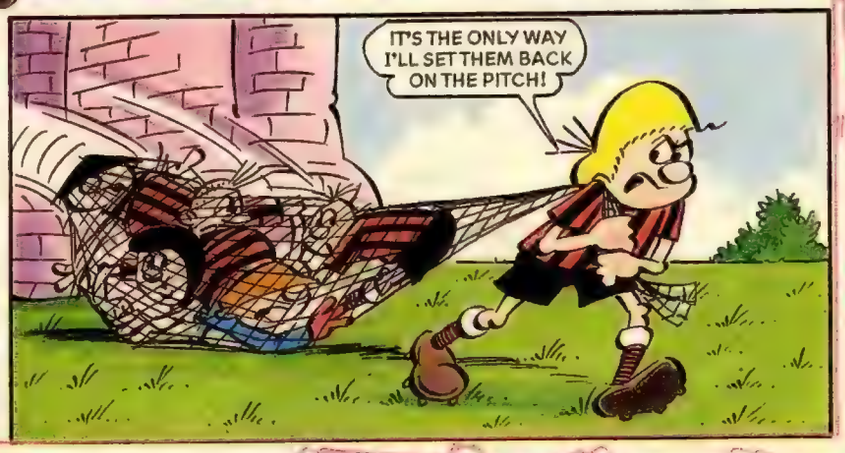

So —
GREAT FOR DIVING SAVES.

AND DIVING HEADERS!


AND JUST DIVING!

BAH!

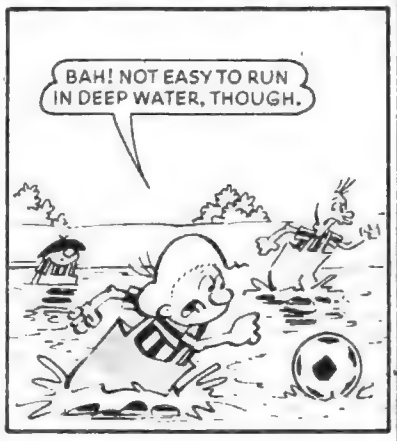
HAVE TO BORROW SOME OF THE OLD GOALS.


IT'S THE ONLY WAY I'LL SET THEM BACK ON THE PITCH!

BALL BOY

HMM! CAN'T PLAY ON THIS WATERLOGGED PITCH.
HMM . . .

WE CAN PLAY NOW I'VE BORROWED LOTS OF PAIRS OF WADERS.
FISHING TACKLE


BAH! NOT EASY TO RUN IN DEEP WATER, THOUGH.

BUT IF I TIE THIS TIGHT . . .

. . . AND BLOW IT UP.

IT'S FAR EASIER!

AND LESS PAINFUL WHEN SOMEONE FOULS YOU.
BOING!

PHEW! EXHAUSTING RUNNING IN THIS — I NEED A HOT BATH.

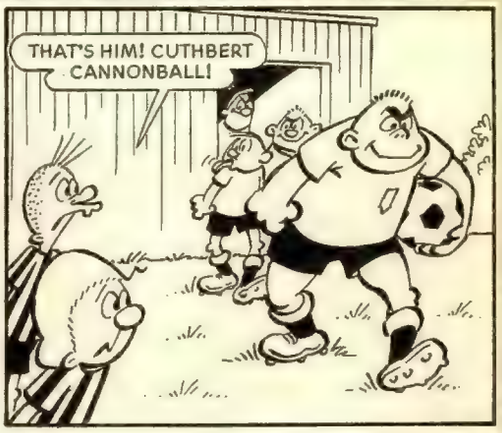
BAH! THE CHANGING ROOMS ARE FLOODED TOO.

So —
NEVER MIND, THOUGH. THEY MAKE GREAT BATHS.

BALL BOY

OUR OPPONENTS HAVE GOT A SECRET WEAPON THIS WEEK . . .

WAH!

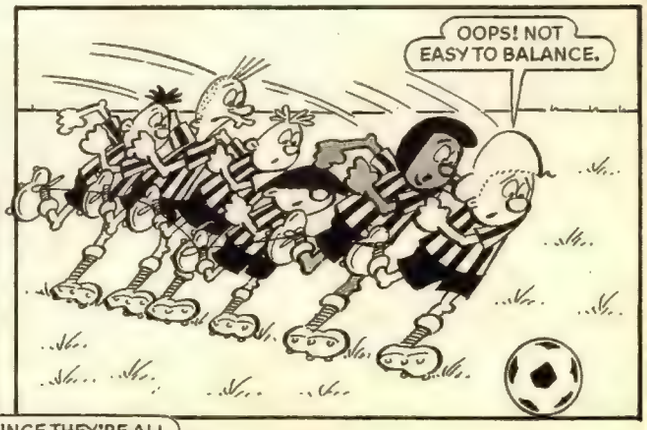

THAT'S HIM! CUTHBERT CANNONBALL!

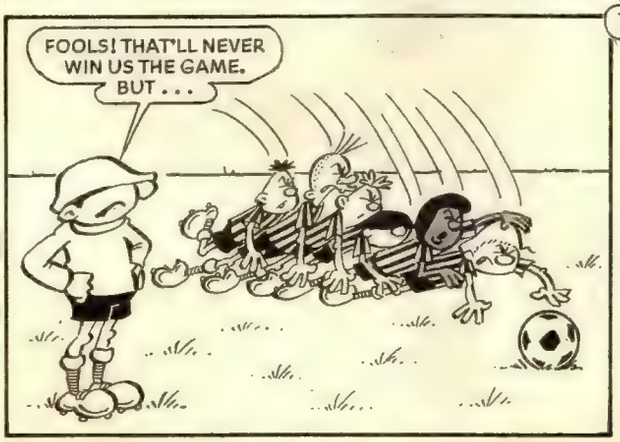
EASY! THIS GAME'LL BE A WALKOVER!

WE'LL TIE ALL OUR RIGHT FEET TOGETHER . . .

. . . AND ALL KICK AT ONCE.

READY? LET'S GO!


OOPS! NOT EASY TO BALANCE.


FOOLS! THAT'LL NEVER WIN US THE GAME. BUT . . .

. . . SINCE THEY'RE ALL TIED TOGETHER IT'LL MAKE MY JOB EASIER.
OOF!

Ballboy

MY TEAM HAVE GONE ATHLETICS MAD SINCE THE START OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.
A WHISTLE USED TO START THE GAME . . .
BANG!
. . . BUT NOW THEY NEED STARTING BLOCKS AND A PISTOL.
OH, NO! BENJY'S GOT THE BALL.
HE THINKS HE'S A PESKY SHOTPUTTER.
AT LEAST THE GOALIE IS JUMPING UP FOR THAT SAVE.
EXCEPT HE'S TRYING TO DO THE HIGHJUMP — NOT SAVE THE BALL!
I HATE FOOTBALLERS WHO WANT TO BE ATHLETES!
DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S WORRIED ABOUT . . .
IT'S ATHLETES WHO TRY TO PLAY FOOTBALL THAT ARE THE REAL PROBLEM!
NNG! I WANT MY JAVELIN BACK!
HOPE HE DOESN'T KICK THAT HAMMER AT ME.
OW!

BALL BOY

TO CELEBRATE THE BEANO EDITOR'S 100TH BIRTHDAY WE'RE PLAYING IN VICTORIAN STRIPS TODAY.
LIES! -ED
HMM! THE OPPOSITION SEEM TO HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD THINGS A BIT.
NO WE HAVEN'T — THESE ARE VICTORIAN DRESSES.
Kick-off —
GOT IT!
NO WAY YOU CAN TACKLE THROUGH ALL THAT SILK!
FOR YOU!
GOAL!
BAH! SAVED THE MELON BY MISTAKE!
WELL THEY MAY HAVE SCORED . . .
. . . BUT THEY CAN'T HUG TO CELEBRATE. HA-HA!
HAW-HAW!
BAH! CAN'T REACH!

BALL BOY

BAH! OUR SHIRTS ARE IN A TERRIBLE STATE!

I'LL HELP YOU — I'M A TAILOR.
GREAT!

Soon —
THESE ARE GREAT — WONDER WHERE HE GOT THE MATERIAL FROM?

BAH! HE USED THE CORNER FLAGS! WE'RE FLAGLESS!

I'LL HELP YOU! GO AND GET SOME FLAGS FROM THE HOUSE, FOOTMAN.
YES, M'LORD!

Soon —
I'M AFRAID I COULD ONLY FIND THESE LONG BANNERS, SIR.
IT'LL HAVE TO DO, I SUPPOSE!

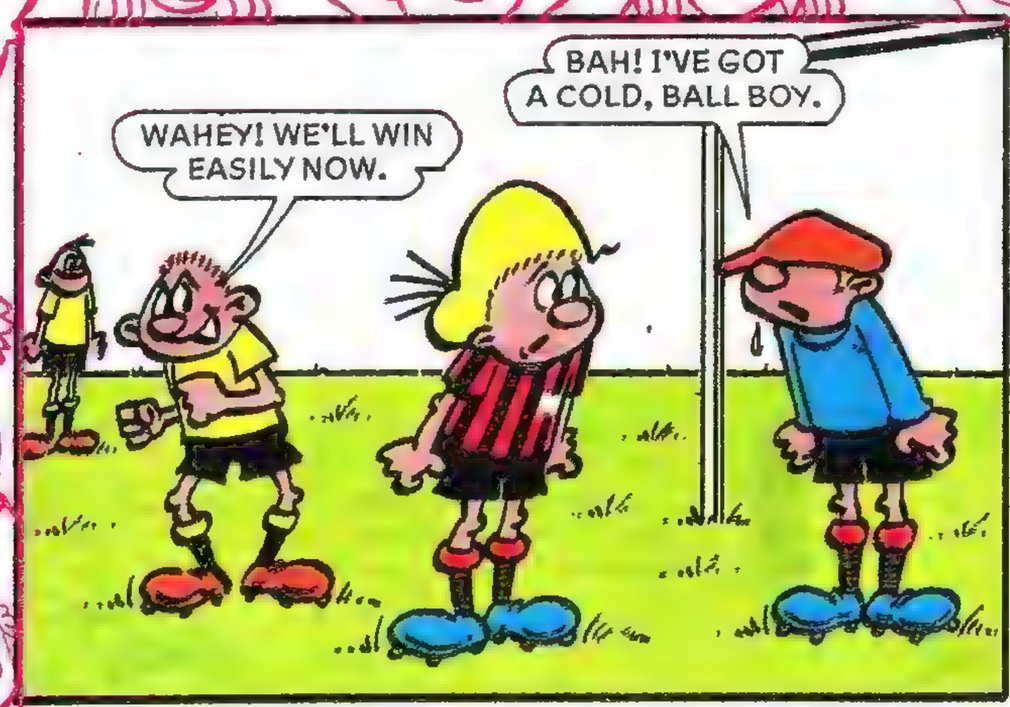
I'M NOT SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA!

WAH!

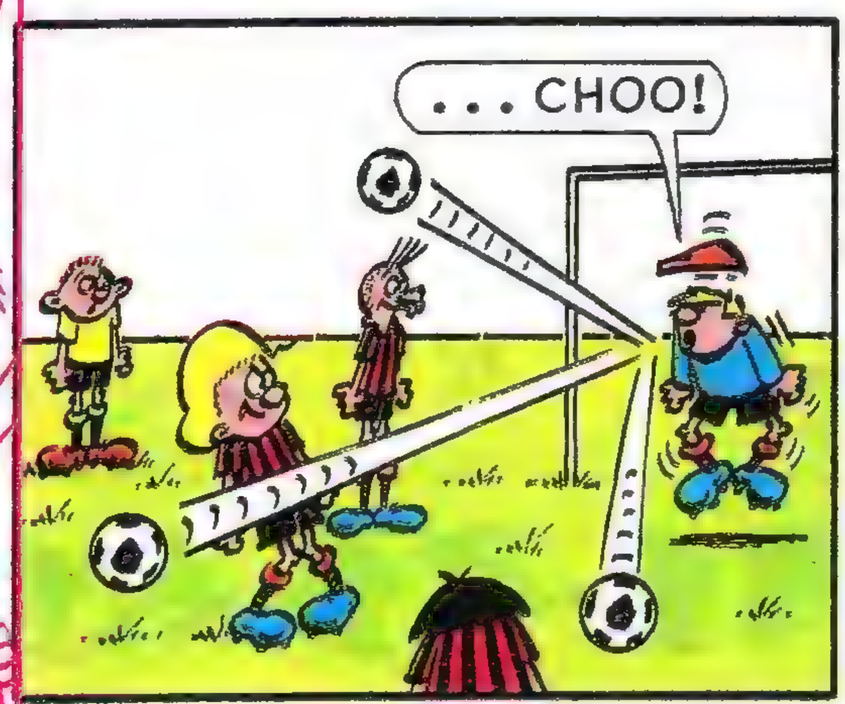
BAH! CAN'T GET HIM OUT.
NEVER MIND . . .

. . . HE'S GREAT FOR HEADING HIGH BALLS NOW.

BALL BOY


WAHEY! WE'LL WIN EASILY NOW.
BAH! I'VE GOT A COLD, BALL BOY.

NO YOU WON'T — WATCH THIS.
AAA . . .


. . . CHOO!

BAH! HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
AAA-CHOO!

So —
STEAM WILL CURE HIS COLD!

EH?

WAHEY! I'M CURED!

AH, WELL — MAYBE HE WON'T SNEEZE AWAY ANY MORE SHOTS.

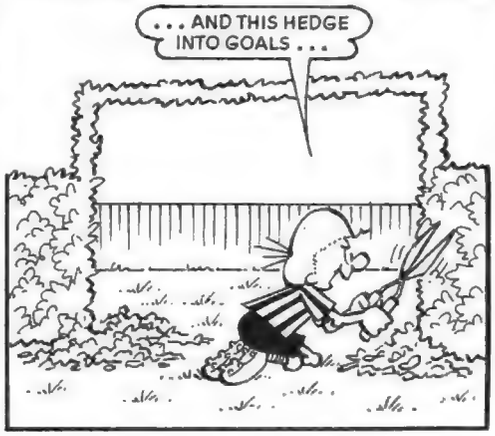
BUT THEY WON'T SEE WHERE TO SHOOT EITHER.

BALL BOY

BAH! DAD MADE ME CLIP HIS HEDGES INSTEAD OF PLAYING FOOTBALL TODAY!

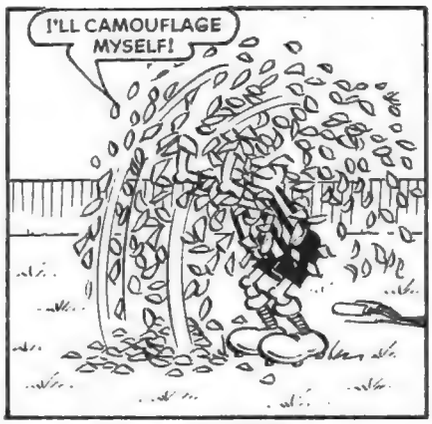
BUT . . .

. . . IF I CLIP THIS BUSH INTO A FOOTBALLER . . .


. . . AND THIS HEDGE INTO GOALS . . .

. . . I CAN HAVE A GAME AFTER ALL!

OH-OH! DAD!


I'LL CAMOUFLAGE MYSELF!

GRR! WONDER WHICH IS THE REAL ONE?

NO POCKET MONEY UNTIL MY BEAUTIFUL HEDGES HAVE GROWN BACK!
PHEW! HE PICKED THE WRONG ONE.

NOW THAT I'VE TOLD BALLBOY OFF I'LL CLIP THIS HEDGE BACK INTO SHAPE!

WAH!
HEH-HEH! THOUGHT THAT WOULD GIVE HIM A FRIGHT!

BALL BOY

HMM! MY STUDS LOOK A BIT WORN OUT!

I'LL TRY A SLIDE TACKLE ANYWAY.

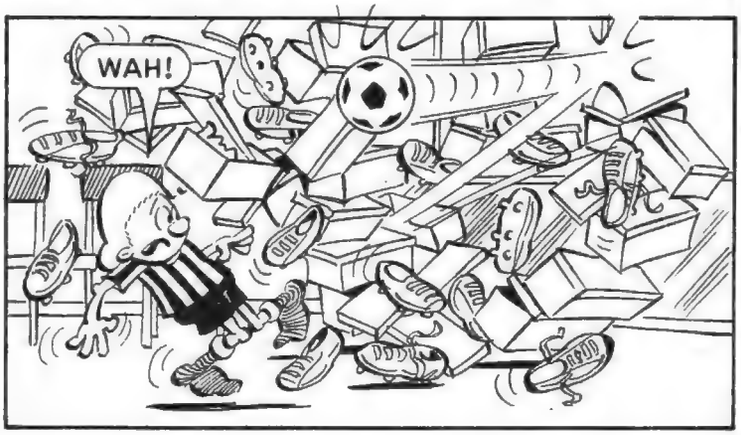
WAH! CAN'T STOP!
SLIDE

MAY AS WELL SLIDE RIGHT IN HERE AND GET NEW BOOTS.
STILL SLIDING

So —
HAVE TO TRY BEFORE I BUY!

I'LL BUILD SOME GOALPOSTS.

THE BOOTS KICK WELL — OOPS! THEY'VE COME OFF!


WAH!

I'VE DECIDED TO BUY THE BOOTS . . .

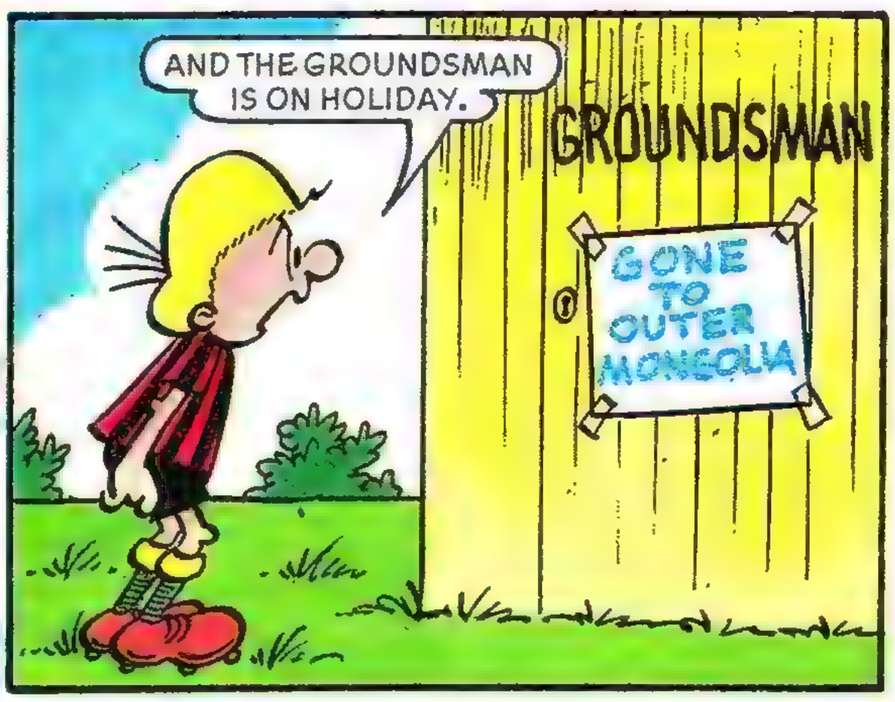
. . . IF I CAN EVER FIND THEM AGAIN.

BALL BOY

NOW FOR THE FINAL TEST OF OUR SUPER ERASER!

WAHEY! IT RUBS OUT LINES ON FOOTBALL PITCHES!

BAH! THERE ARE NO LINES LEFT ON THE PITCH.


AND THE GROUNDSMAN IS ON HOLIDAY.
GROUNDSMAN
GONE TO OUTER MONGOLIA

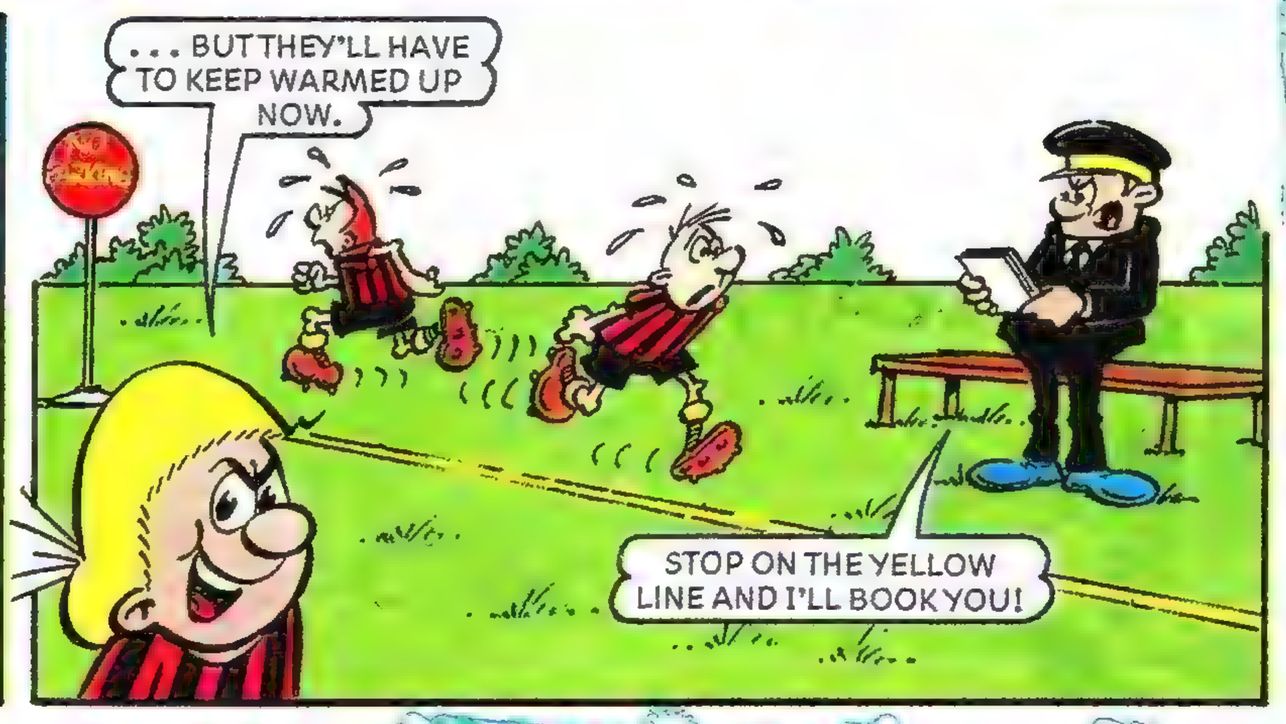
AHA! MAYBE THEY COULD HELP!

NO PROBLEM, B.B. — THE LINES WILL HAVE TO BE YELLOW INSTEAD OF WHITE, THOUGH.

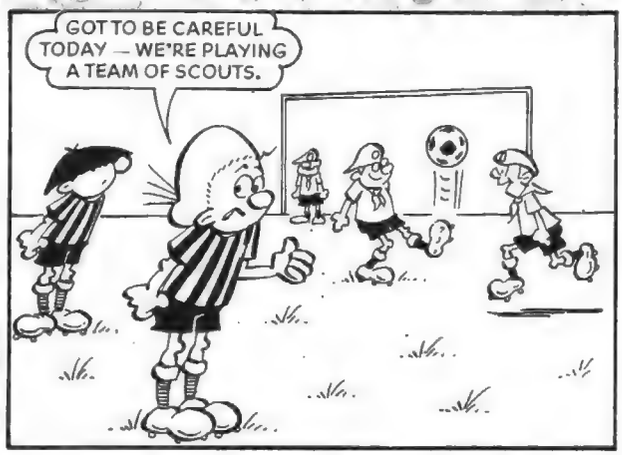
OOPS! NEVER MIND — I'LL REPLACE IT WITH ONE OF OUR POLES.
SNAP

HMM! THIS COULD BE A REAL ADVANTAGE.
NO PARKING

OUR SUBS ARE BONE IDLE . . .
ZZZZ
ZZZZ


. . . BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO KEEP WARMED UP NOW.
STOP ON THE YELLOW LINE AND I'LL BOOK YOU!

BALL BOY


GOT TO BE CAREFUL TODAY — WE'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF SCOUTS.

I'M TRYING FOR MY CAMPING BADGE.
OOF! GUY ROPES ON THE GOALS!

AND I'M DOING MY COOKING BADGE!

BAH! I'LL SLIDE TACKLE HIM!

AHA! SINCE YOU'RE DOWN YOU CAN HELP ME WITH MY FIRST AID BADGE!

So—
BAH!

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME — I'M OFF!

Then—

Soon—
OOPS! I'LL GET SENT OFF FOR THIS!

But—
THEY GAVE ME MY KNOT TYING BADGE INSTEAD.

BALL BOY

BAH! ALL OUR BALLS ARE BURST . . .

. . . AND THERE'S NOTHING LEFT IN THE TEAM PIGGY BANK.

HAVE TO SELL OUR SPARE STRIPS TO BUY A NEW BALL!

BAH! NO INTEREST! HAVE TO COME UP WITH A GIMMICK!
STRIPS FOR SALE

THIS SHOULD DO IT!
STRIPS ONCE WORN BY GAZZA

WOW! WE'D BUY THESE IF WE WERE SURE THEY WERE GENUINE.
AHA! I'VE AN IDEA!
STRIPS ONCE WORN BY GAZZA

So—
YOU'RE DROPPED, STEVE— CAN'T KICK FOR TOFFEE!

WAAAH

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! MUST BE GENUINE — THEY'VE STILL GOT TEARS ON THEM.
STRIPS ONCE WORN BY GAZZA

WAHEY! I MADE LOTS OF MONEY!

But—
BAH! HAD TO SPEND MOST OF IT CHEERING UP STEVE, THOUGH!
SWEETS
BEANO

BALL BOY

I'M GOING TO GET MY HAIR CUT LIKE A FAMOUS FOOTBALLER.
HAIRDRESSER

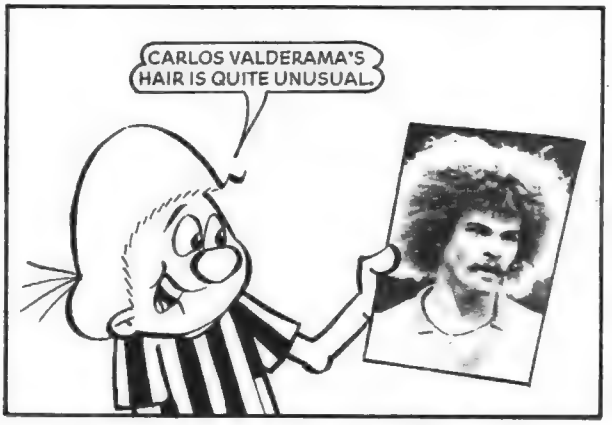
MAYBE A GAZZA CUT?

NO — TOO EASY FOR KIDS TO STICK FUZZY FELT ANIMALS ON TO.

MAYBE A RUUD GULLIT?

NO — I HEAD THE BALL A LOT . . .

. . . I'D GET TANGLED UP!


CARLOS VALDERAMA'S HAIR IS QUITE UNUSUAL.

I SENTENCE YOU TO A FREE KICK FOR DOUBLE PARKING!
PEOPLE MIGHT THINK IT'S A JUDGE'S WIG, THOUGH.

I CAN'T DECIDE — JUST GIVE ME A CUT LIKE WHOEVER YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER IS.
CERTAINLY!

OOPS! HE TURNED OUT TO BE A BOBBY CHARLTON FAN!

BALL BOY

I'M GREAT AT THE "BANANA" SHOT.
"BANANA" SHOTS ARE NOTHING! WATCH MY FRUIT AND VEG SHOTS.
EH?
NO GOALIE CAN SAVE MY "HOT POTATO" SHOT.
COURSE I CAN! IT'S EASY!
NO, YOU CAN'T — I HEATED THE BALL IN THE OVEN!
OW! OW!
TRY HEADING MY "PUMPKIN" SHOT, BENJY.
HAR-HAR!
HAW! HAW! THAT'S A PUMPKIN I PAINTED TO LOOK LIKE A BALL!
WE'LL SHOW YOU "THE CABBAGE".
ER . . . HOW DO YOU PLAY THAT SHOT?
EASY! JUST STAY THERE TILL WE PICK YOU NEXT SUMMER!

BALL BOY

I'M USELESS AT GOAL KICKS!

AHA! LOOK WHAT RUGBY PLAYERS DO!

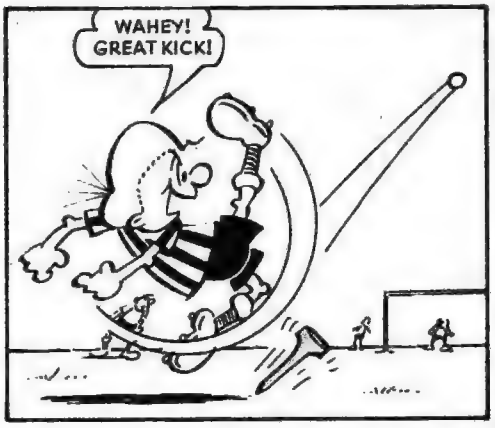
WOW! MUST TRY THAT.

HO!! MY PITCH!

BAH! OUR GROUNDSMAN IS TOO FOND OF HIS PITCH FOR ME TO USE THAT METHOD.

FATSO SPORTS
SPORTS GEAR FOR THE LARGER COMPETITOR
I'LL GET SOME HELP IN HERE.

So—
A GIANT GOLF TEE WILL DO THE TRICK.


WAHEY! GREAT KICK!

OOPS! THE GROUNDSMAN IS EVEN LESS HAPPY NOW!

WITH B.B. PLAYING LIKE THAT, WE HAD TO CHANGE THE "GOALS"!
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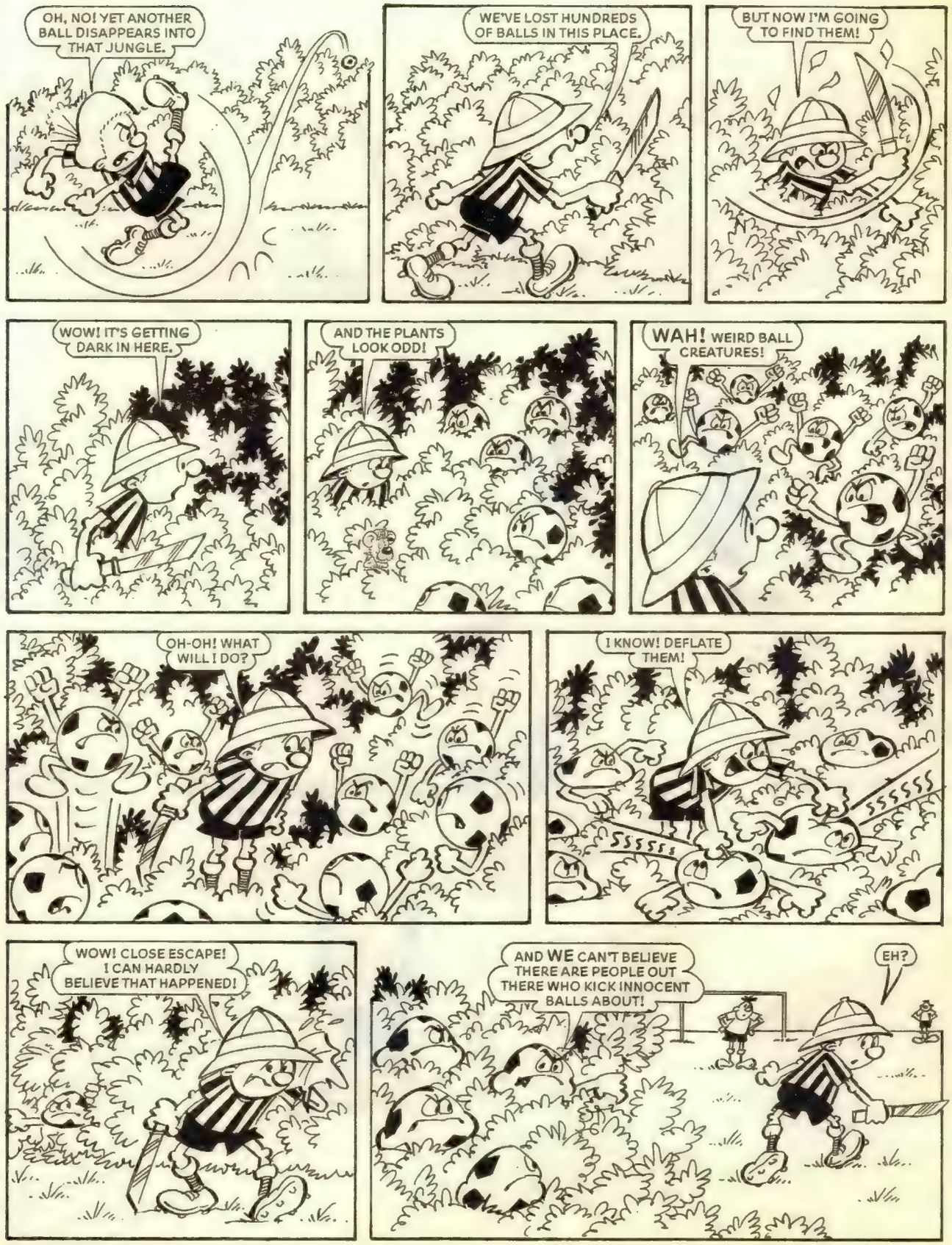
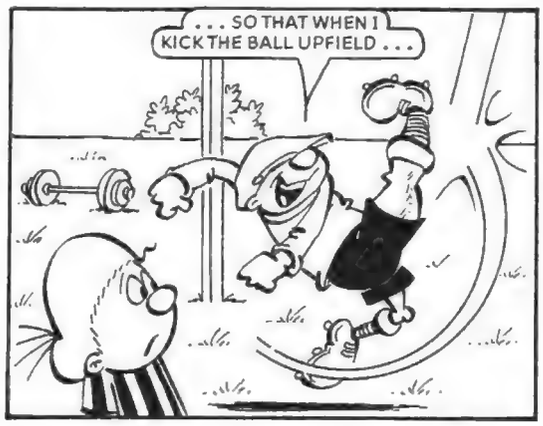
BALL BOY


OH, NO! YET ANOTHER BALL DISAPPEARS INTO THAT JUNGLE.
WE'VE LOST HUNDREDS OF BALLS IN THIS PLACE.
BUT NOW I'M GOING TO FIND THEM!
WOW! IT'S GETTING DARK IN HERE.
AND THE PLANTS LOOK ODD!
WAH! WEIRD BALL CREATURES!
OH-OH! WHAT WILL I DO?
I KNOW! DEFLATE THEM!
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
WOW! CLOSE ESCAPE! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT HAPPENED!
AND WE CAN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO KICK INNOCENT BALLS ABOUT!
EH?

BALL BOY

I'VE BEEN STRENGTHENING MY KICKING LEG . . .


. . . SO THAT WHEN I KICK THE BALL UPFIELD . . .

WOW!
. . . IT GOES FOR MILES!

GREAT! I CAN WALK UP SLOWLY . . .

. . . READ A BOOK . . .

. . . BEFORE HEADING THE DROPPING BALL INTO THE NET.

But —
OOF!

OOPS! I KICKED THE BALL SO HIGH IT GATHERED SOME ICE!

NEVER MIND . . .

. . . THIS'LL HELP SOOTHE YOUR BUMP.

BALL BOY

OUR NEW PLAYER IS GREAT! NO-ONE CAN KNOCK HIM DOWN.

But —
WAH! HE'S DESERTING ME!

I HAVE TO EAT CONSTANTLY TO KEEP MY WEIGHT UP.
GO BACK ON! I'LL FEED YOU FROM THE SIDELINE.

THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.

I CAN FEED HIM PIZZAS AS HE PLAYS.

AND I CAN CONTROL WHERE HE RUNS.

AND MAKE HIM JUMP.

THIS THROWING IS HUNGRY WORK — I'LL HAVE A SLICE OF PIZZA.

I'LL THROW HIM THE REST OF IT!

OH-OH! THAT MISSING SLICE HAS MADE IT INTO A BOOMERANG!

BAH! DANGEROUS BUSINESS, THROWING PIZZAS!

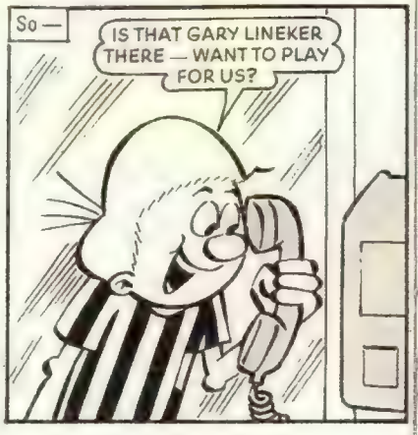
BALL BOY

TWO PLAYERS IN MY TEAM NEVER STOP FOULING. BUT I KNOW HOW TO STOP THEM.
MUMMYCARE
So —
TERRY THERE IS ALWAYS RUNNING OFFSIDE.
PHWEEP!
THESE SHOULD SORT HIM OUT!
PUT THESE ON, TERRY.
THAT'S STOPPED HIM GOING OFFSIDE.
JIMMY'S ALWAYS SLIDE-TACKLING.
YOU WON'T SLIDE TACKLE NOW!
But —
MAYBE WE CAN'T FOUL THE WAY WE USED TO . . .
. . . BUT WE CAN DO THIS.
BAH! THEY'RE WORSE THAN EVER.
MY TEAM-MATES MADE ME WEAR THIS BABY STUFF AS PUNISHMENT FOR MY DAFT IDEAS.

BALL BOY

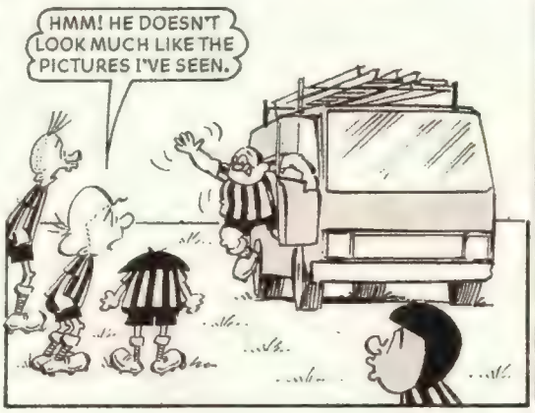
MY TEAM NEEDS A STAR PLAYER TO PERK IT UP!

I'LL LOOK UP GARY LINEKER'S NUMBER AND SEE IF HE WANTS TO PLAY FOR US!
PHONE BOOK


So —
IS THAT GARY LINEKER THERE — WANT TO PLAY FOR US?

YAHOO! HE SAID YES!

Soon —
ODD WAY FOR GARY TO TRAVEL!


HMM! HE DOESN'T LOOK MUCH LIKE THE PICTURES I'VE SEEN.

WOW! AND HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T PLAY LIKE THE REAL GARY!

YOU'RE NOT GARY LINEKER AT ALL!

YES, I AM — BUT NOT THE FOOTBALLER. I'M A DOUBLE GLAZING MAN.
BAH! THAT'S NO USE AT ALL TO US!
GARY LINEKER
DOUBLE GLAZING SPECIALIST

YES, IT IS! I'VE DOUBLE GLAZED YOUR GOAL! IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL DEFEND IT WITH YOUR ROTTEN TEAM.
TRUE ENOUGH! THANKS, GARY!

BALL BOY
I'M JUST OPENING MY PRESENTS!
I WONDER WHAT THIS CAN BE! ANY GUESSES?
A FOOTBALL! YAHOO!
OH, NO! I'VE BURST IT!
BANG!
I'LL PLAY WITH MY OTHER PRESENTS INSTEAD!
MY BURST BALL CAME IN HANDY AFTER ALL — AS A BIKE HELMET!

BALL BOY

THAT HAKA DANCE THAT THE ALL BLACK RUGBY TEAM DO BEFORE A MATCH MUST REALLY FRIGHTEN THE OPPOSITION.

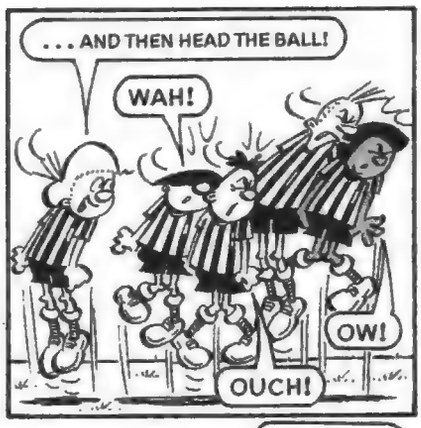
WOW! IT CERTAINLY DOES.

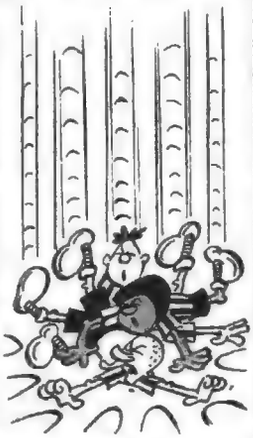
WE'RE GOING TO INVENT OUR OWN HAKA TO FRIGHTEN OUR OPPONENTS.

So —
OK! FOLLOW ME, TEAM.

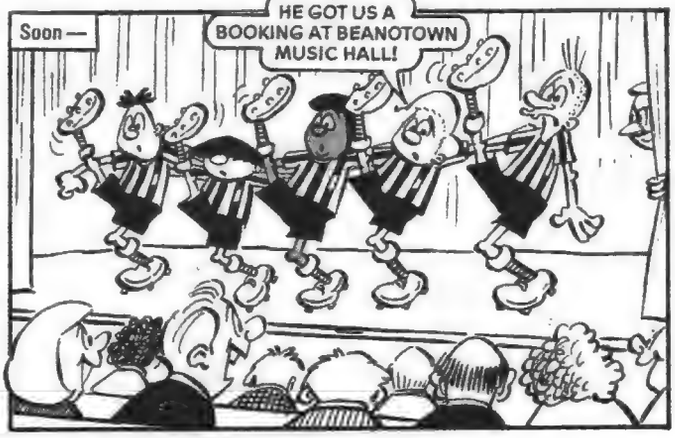
WE'RE BALL BOY'S TEAM AND WE DON'T HANDBALL . . .
WE'RE BALL BOY'S TEAM AND WE DON'T HANDBALL . . .

. . . WE KICK REALLY HIGH . . .


. . . AND THEN HEAD THE BALL!
WAH!
OW!
OUCH!



BAH! DISASTER! WE LOST WHILE YOU LOT WERE OUT COLD!
NOT A COMPLETE DISASTER — I'M AN ENTERTAINMENT AGENT . . .


Soon —
HE GOT US A BOOKING AT BEANOTOWN MUSIC HALL!

BALL BOY

HI, BALL BOY — WHERE ARE WE GOING ON OUR DATE?
I THOUGHT WE COULD GO TO MY HOUSE, SUSAN . . .
. . . AND LISTEN TO A FOOTBALL COMMENTARY ON THE RADIO.
HMPH! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FOOTBALL!
So —
LINEKER HAS SOLD THE KEEPER A DUMMY.
THAT'LL BE A FIVER.
AND NOW HE'S DRIVEN THE BALL AGAINST THE POST.
LINEKER IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO BREAK HIS DUCK IN FRONT OF GOAL!
SQUEAK
AND SO THE GAME ENDS 0-0.
BAH! WHAT A DULL AND BORING GAME!
OH, I DON'T KNOW . . .
. . . IT WAS THE MOST ENTERTAINING THING I'VE HEARD IN YEARS!
EH?
CLICK

BALL BOY

LIKE MY NEW HAIRSTYLE, READERS?
OOPS! A BIT TOO SPIKY.
I'LL HAVE TO BLOW UP A NEW BALL.
BAH! IT'S NOT A BALL AT ALL!
I'LL TRY PLAYING WITH IT ANYWAY.
Then —
OOPS! SHOULDN'T TRY TO GET PAST PEOPLE WITH THIS BALL.
WAH!
OOF!
POOR BALL BOY — WE'D BETTER VISIT HIM IN HOSPITAL.
AND TAKE HIM SOME FRUIT.
But —
OUT! OUT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH INFLATABLE FRUIT!

BALL BOY

I'VE GOT TO IMPROVE MY LONG KICKS!

But—

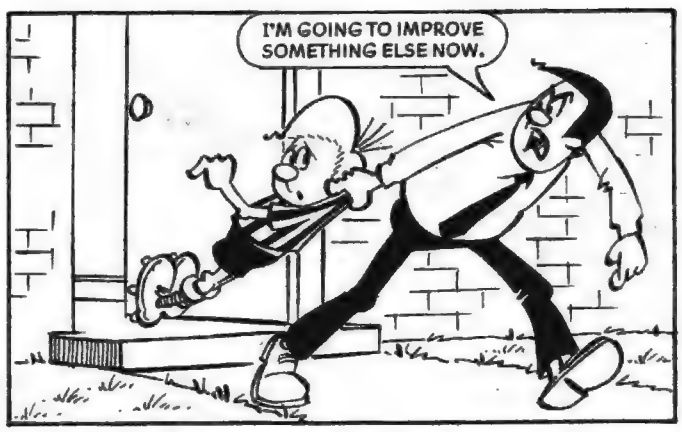
NOW I'VE GOT TO IMPROVE MY APPEARANCE — WATCH WHERE YOU KICK THE BALL, BALL BOY.

So—
I'LL TIE IT TO THIS TREE, SO IT CAN'T GO TOO FAR.

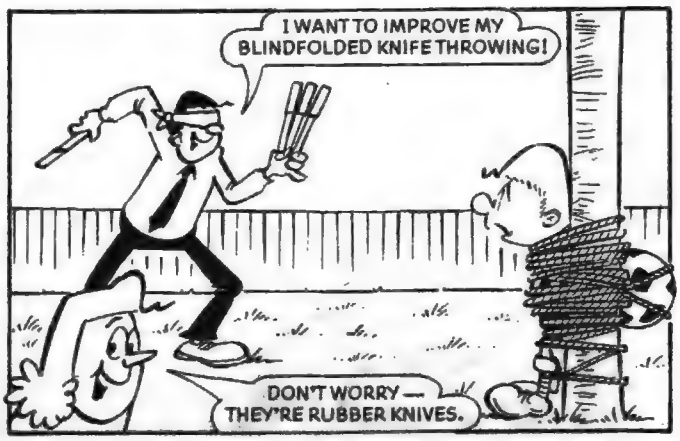
So—

Then—
OOF!

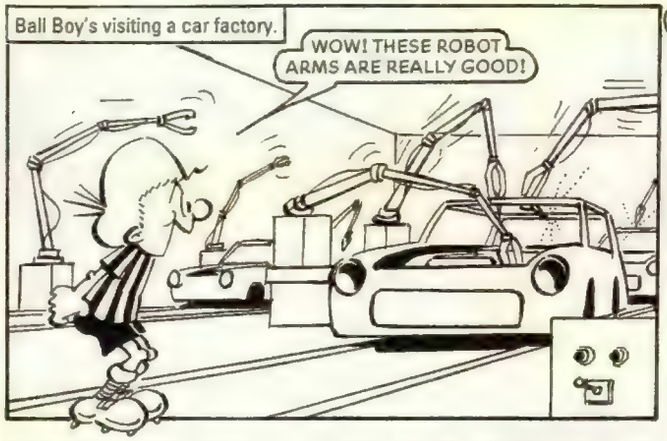
WAH!
SORRY, DAD!

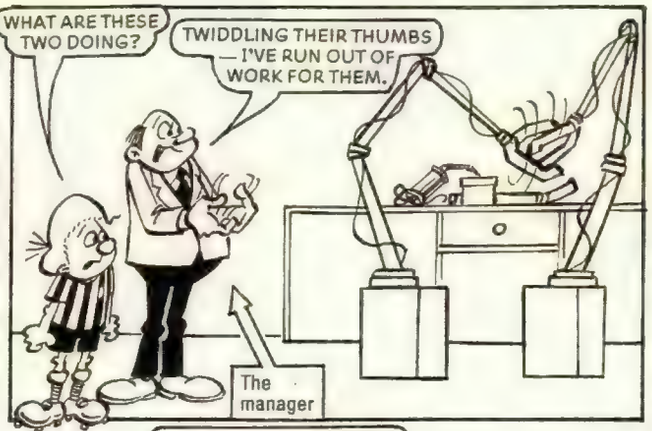

I'M GOING TO IMPROVE SOMETHING ELSE NOW.

THAT'LL KEEP YOU FROM MOVING.

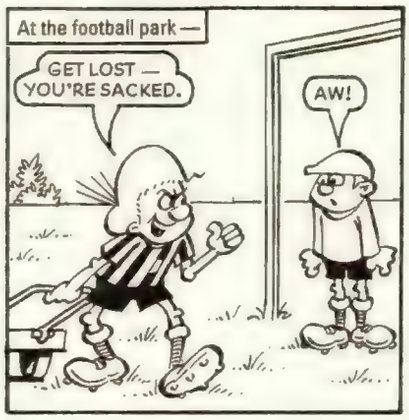

I WANT TO IMPROVE MY BLINDFOLDED KNIFE THROWING!
DON'T WORRY — THEY'RE RUBBER KNIVES.

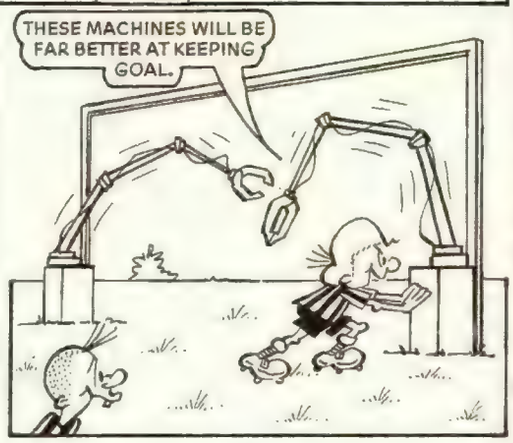
BALL BOY

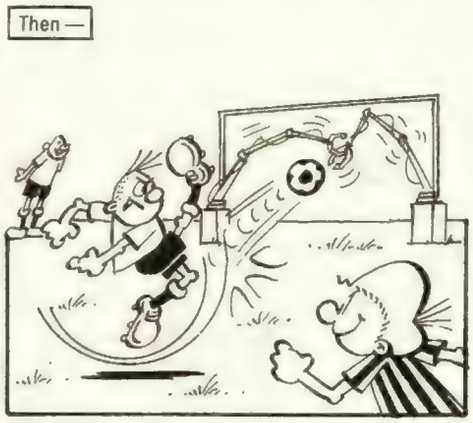

Ball Boy's visiting a car factory.
WOW! THESE ROBOT ARMS ARE REALLY GOOD!


WHAT ARE THESE TWO DOING?
TWIDDLING THEIR THUMBS — I'VE RUN OUT OF WORK FOR THEM.
The manager

HE'S LET ME BORROW THEM FOR A WHILE.

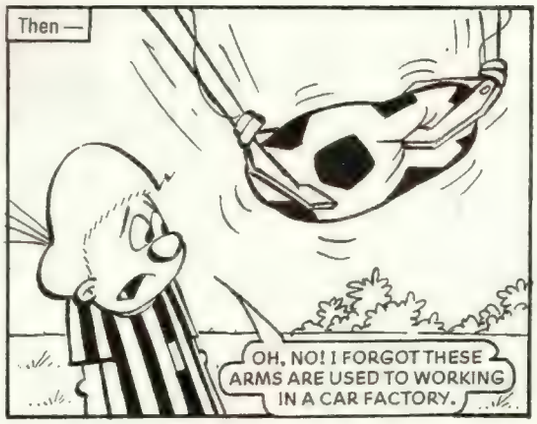

At the football park —
GET LOST — YOU'RE SACKED.
AW!


THESE MACHINES WILL BE FAR BETTER AT KEEPING GOAL.


Then —

GREAT SAVE!

But —
HOI! YOU CAN LET GO NOW.


Then —
OH, NO! I FORGOT THESE ARMS ARE USED TO WORKING IN A CAR FACTORY.

THEY'VE MADE A CAR OUT OF THE BALL. BAH!

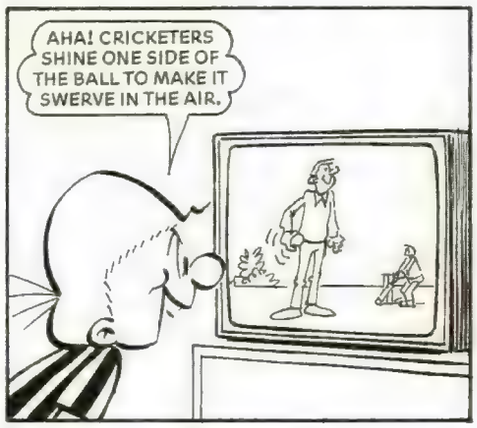
BALL BOY

THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYED IN ITALY . . .
FOREIGN FOOTBALL
. . . AND LOTS OF TERRIBLE FOOTBALL PLAYED BY MY TEAM!
YOU LOT NEED TO BE A BIT MORE ITALIAN!
MOST ITALIANS HAVE BLACK HAIR WITH HAIR OIL ON IT!
DYE
THEY EATS LOTS OF SPAGHETTI!
YUM!
THAT'S BETTER! MORE LIKE THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA!
LEAN
NOW FOR SOME VENETIAN STYLE CANALS!
WE SHOULD PLAY JUST LIKE ITALIANS NOW!
BAH! THEY ARE AS HOPELESS AS EVER!
BUT IT HAS HELPED US AFTER ALL!
PESKY SPAGHETTI!
WOOPS!
WAAH! A CANAL!
ERK! OIL!

BALL BOY

WOW! WISH I COULD THROW LIKE THAT!
I KNOW HOW I CAN DO IT.
THAT'LL DO!
NOW WHEN I BEND BACKWARDS . . .
. . . I SPRING FORWARDS AGAIN.
BAH! I FORGOT TO DO UP MY BOOTLACE . . .
OH-OH! FORGOT ABOUT MY SPRINGS.
WAH!
PYOING
MIND YOU, THE CROWD ARE IMPRESSED BY MY GYMNASTICS.

BALL BOY


AHA! CRICKETERS SHINE ONE SIDE OF THE BALL TO MAKE IT SWERVE IN THE AIR.

I'LL TRY IT OUT ON A FOOTBALL.
POLLS

THAT SHOULD DO IT. NICE AND SHINY!

WOW! IT REALLY DOES SWERVE.

AHA! A SHINY BALL.

I CAN SEE MY FACE IN IT.

HAW! HAW! YOUR FACE LOOKS EVEN FUNNIER NOW.

WAHEY! THIS IS GREAT FUN!
LET ME TRY IT!
AND ME!

HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER SHINY BALL — AND THIS ONE WILL HAVE TO SWERVE EVEN MORE THAN THE LAST.

I'M THE ONLY PLAYER THAT I'VE GOT TO PASS TO NOW.

BALL BOY

OH, NO! I'VE FORGOTTEN MY BOOTS.

BAH! AND I CAN'T FIND ANY REPLACEMENTS.

EXCEPT THESE WELLIES.

BAH! FAR TOO BIG.

UNLESS . . .

. . . I GET SOMEONE TO HELP ME FILL THEM.

AND IF ANYONE GETS THE BALL PAST ME . . .

. . . THEY'VE GOT BENJY TO DEAL WITH ON THE OTHER SIDE.
BAH!

But —
I'LL BOOT IT . . . OOPS!
THUD

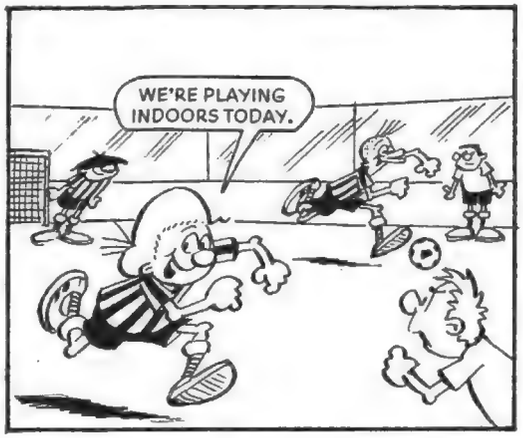
HE'S OUT COLD . . .

. . . BUT WITH THESE BOOTS ON I WON'T NEED A STRETCHER TO GET HIM OFF THE PITCH.
DRAG

BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST A TEAM OF SOFTIES TODAY.
I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS NASTY PITCH PRETTY.
MUST DECORATE THIS CAN'T STAND BARE WOODEN POSTS.
AND THIS GRASS IS SO PLAIN — MUST PUT A RUG OVER IT.
WHAT WILL I DO WITH THIS?
I DON'T CARE — I'M KICKING OFF!
But —
BAH! PESKY RUG!
NEVER MIND — I'VE GOT AN OPEN GOAL.
OOER! A NASTY MUDDY BALL.
THE CURTAINS WILL SAVE IT!
HOI! REF! SEND THEM OFF. THAT WAS A BLATANT FOUL.
SORRY, BALL BOY — COULDN'T SEE IT.
HE WAS SUCH AN UGLY MAN — HAD TO HIDE HIS FACE.

BALL BOY

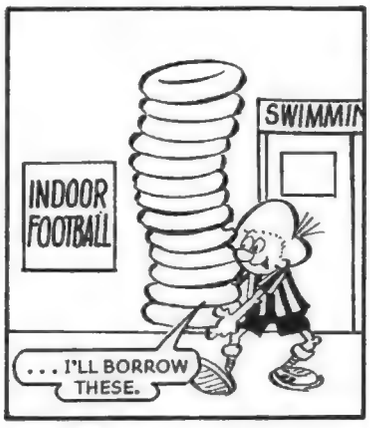

WE'RE PLAYING INDOORS TODAY.

NO, DIMMY — SLOW DOWN!

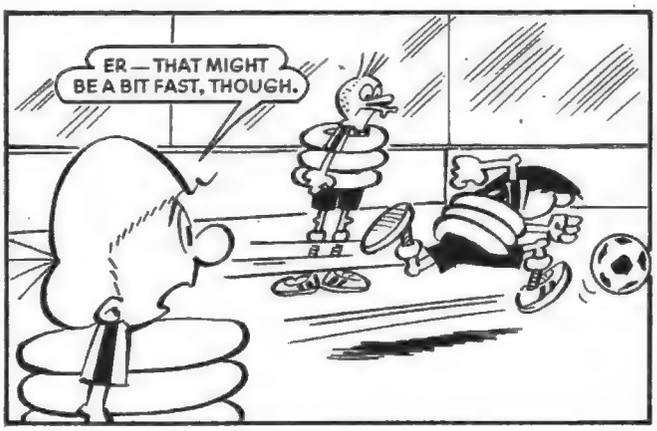
CRASH!
OOPS! FORGOT THERE WERE WALLS ON INDOOR PITCHES.

HOI! OFF OUR PITCH!

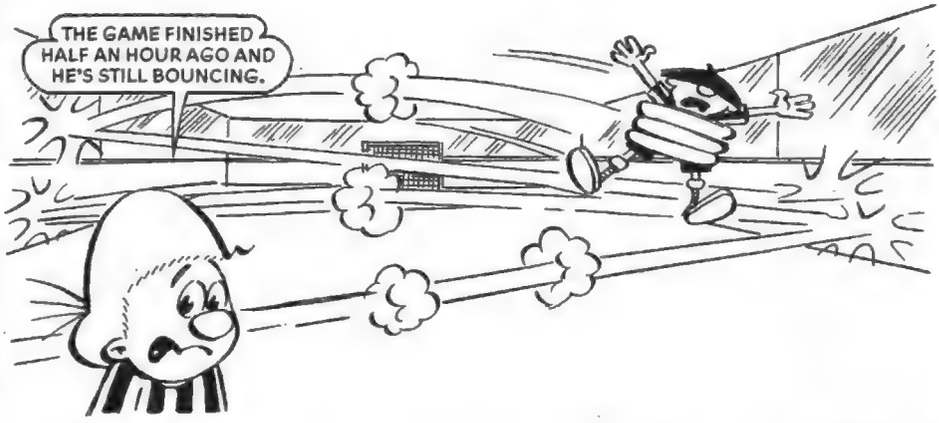
HMM! THERE'S ALSO A SWIMMING POOL IN THIS SPORTS CENTRE . . .


INDOOR FOOTBALL
SWIMMIN
. . . I'LL BORROW THESE.

NOW WE CAN BUMP AGAINST WALLS WITH NO PROBLEMS.


ER — THAT MIGHT BE A BIT FAST, THOUGH.

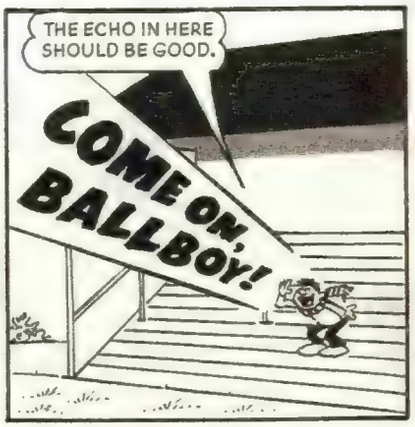
Later —
I WAS RIGHT — HE WAS TOO FAST . . .


THE GAME FINISHED HALF AN HOUR AGO AND HE'S STILL BOUNCING.

BALL BOY

GREAT! OUR NEW STAND IS READY!

AND I'M THEIR ONLY FAN — SO I'LL HAVE THE PLACE TO MYSELF.


THE ECHO IN HERE SHOULD BE GOOD.
COME ON, BALLBOY!

OW! THE STAND AMPLIFIES HIS VOICE!
COME ON...

YOU'RE BANNED FROM THE STAND FOR BEING NOISY.
WHAT A WASTE! THE NEW STAND WILL BE EMPTY NOW.

NO, IT WON'T — WE'LL MAKE THOSE CROWD BARRIERS INTO GOALS . . .

. . . AND PLAY UP HERE AWAY FROM THE RAIN.

THEY'LL REGRET PLAYING ON THAT SLOPE.

Soon —
THAT'S FULL TIME.

HAW! HAW! PLAYING ON A SLOPE MAKES ONE LEG LONGER THAN THE OTHER!
WAH!
OW!

BALL BOY

FREE KICK!
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT FREE KICKS TODAY . . .

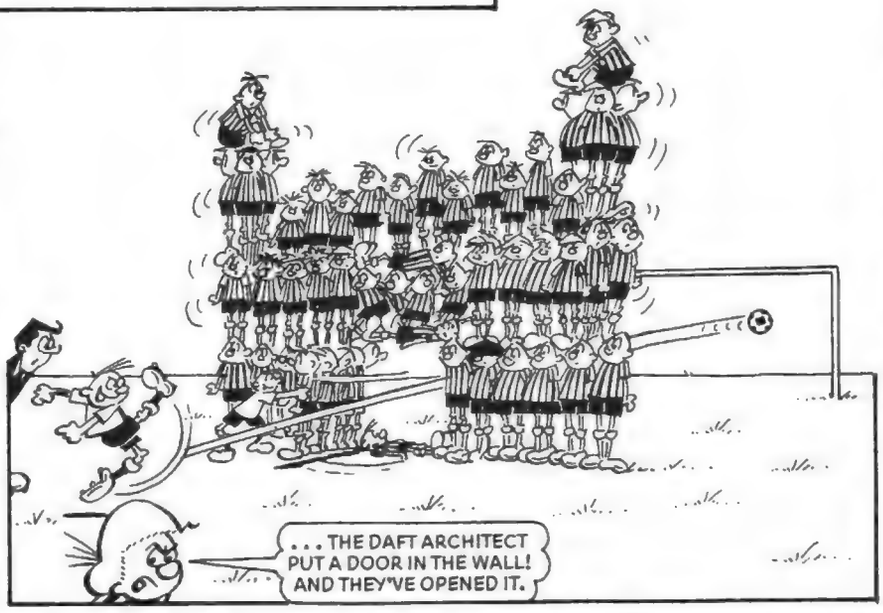
. . . AN ARCHITECT DESIGNED ME A GREAT DEFENSIVE WALL.

YOU GO THERE — YOU LIE THERE — YOU . . .

THEY WON'T GET A SHOT PAST THAT!

WAIT A MINUTE . . .

I'M SENDING YOU OFF! THERE ARE 52 PEOPLE IN THAT WALL — YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED ELEVEN!
AH, WELL — IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY . . .


. . . THE DAFT ARCHITECT PUT A DOOR IN THE WALL! AND THEY'VE OPENED IT.

BALL BOY

HELP! SAVE ME FROM THE BASH ST. KIDS!

WHERE'S THE SOFTY?
LET'S GET HIM!

THANKS, BALL BOY.
TO REPAY ME YOU CAN PLAY FOR MY TEAM — WE'RE A MAN SHORT.

PHWEEEP!
OOH! MY DELICATE EARSY-WEARSYS! TOO LOUD!

TINKLE THIS IF YOU SEE ANY NAUGHTINESS!

Then —
BOOK HIM, REF!
WHAT FOR?

A DIRTY KNEE! IT'S DISGRACEFUL!

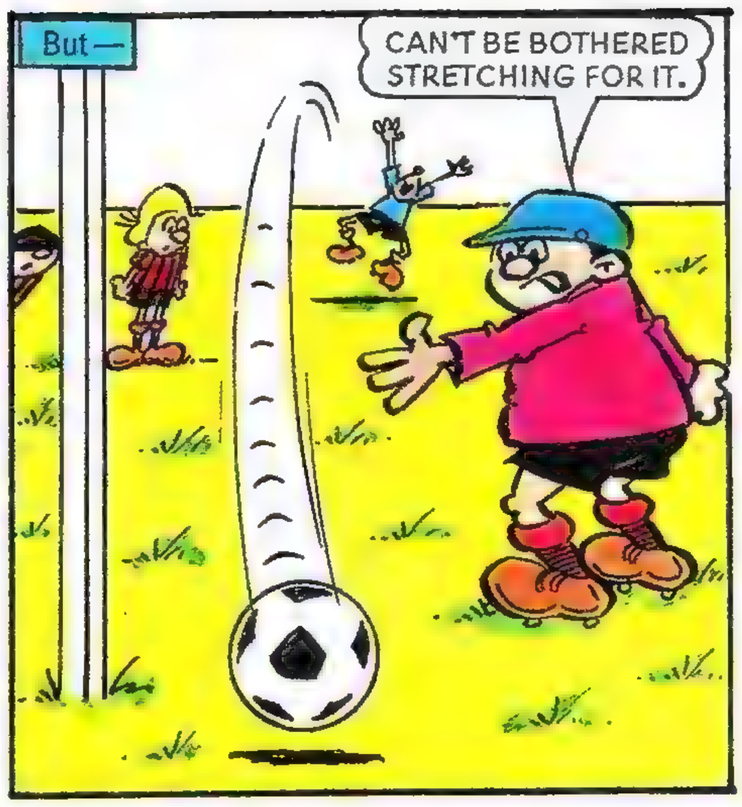
ER — PERHAPS YOU'RE NOT QUITE CUT OUT FOR THIS GAME BUT THERE IS SOMETHING YOU COULD DO FOR US.

Later —
PITY I HAVE TO GO NOW . . .

. . . I ENJOYED KNITTING A CROWD FOR BALL BOY.

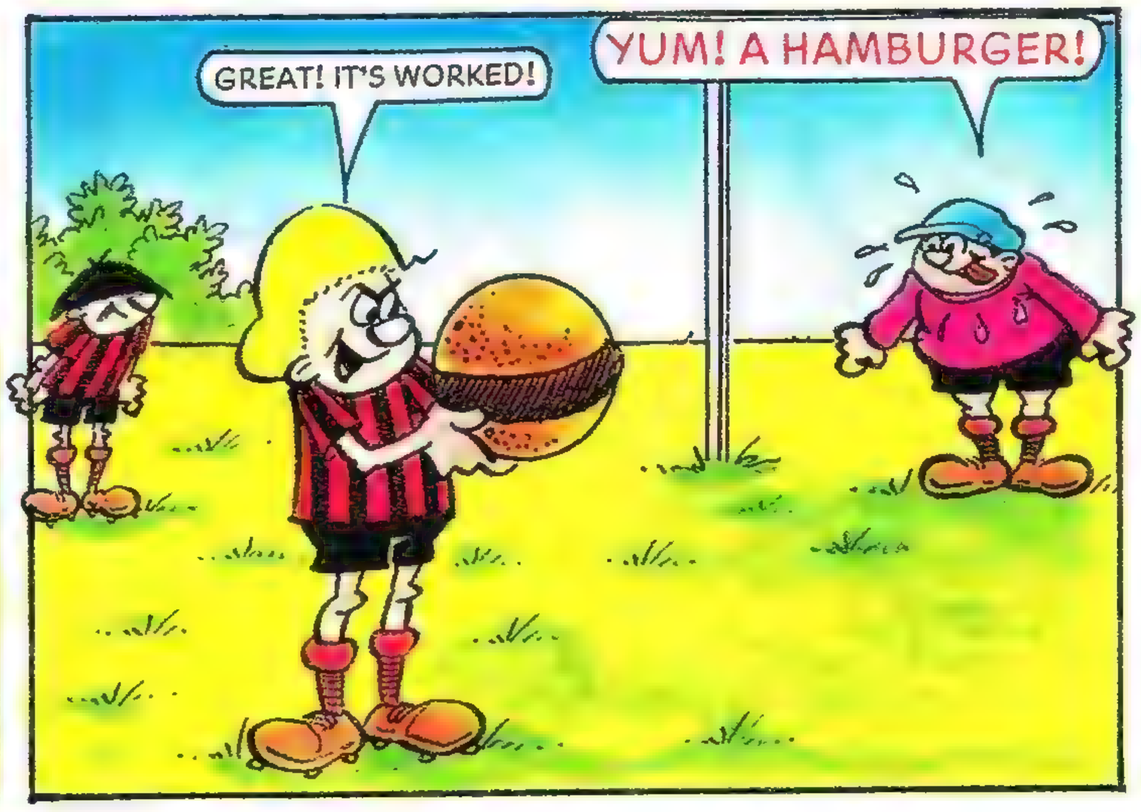
BALL BOY

THE GOALIE SHOULD SAVE THAT EASILY.


But —
CAN'T BE BOTHERED STRETCHING FOR IT.

BAH! HAVE TO MAKE HIM MORE INTERESTED IN CATCHING THE BALL.

THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK.


GREAT! IT'S WORKED!
YUM! A HAMBURGER!

BAH! MAYBE WORKED TOO WELL.

HE WANTS THE BALL EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT NEAR HIS GOAL.

YUM! I LOVE TOMATO KETCHUP ON MY BURGERS!
OH-OH! EVEN WHEN WE GET THE BALL BACK . . .

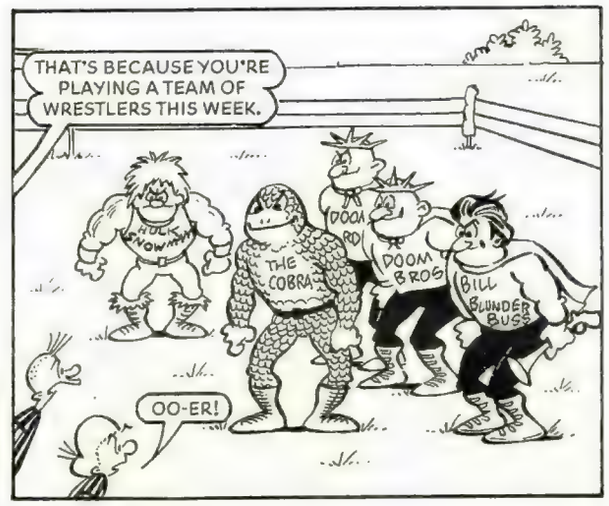
IT WON'T BE MUCH FUN TO PLAY WITH.
YOU'RE DAFT BALL BOY.
SPLOT!

LET'S WIPE THIS OFF AND PAINT SOMETHING ELSE ON THE BALL.

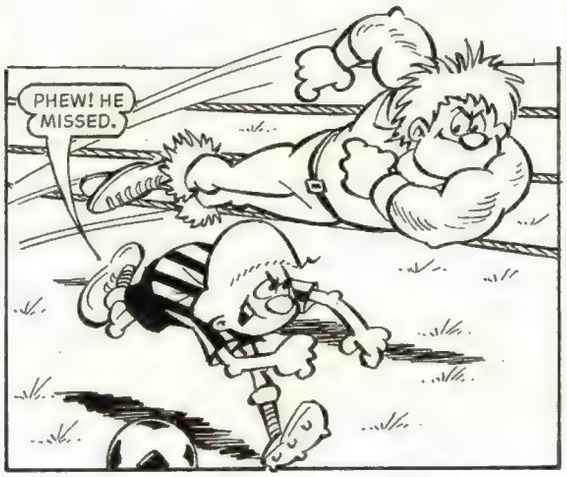
OW! HURTS JUST TO WATCH THAT!
HA-HA!
HEE-HEE!

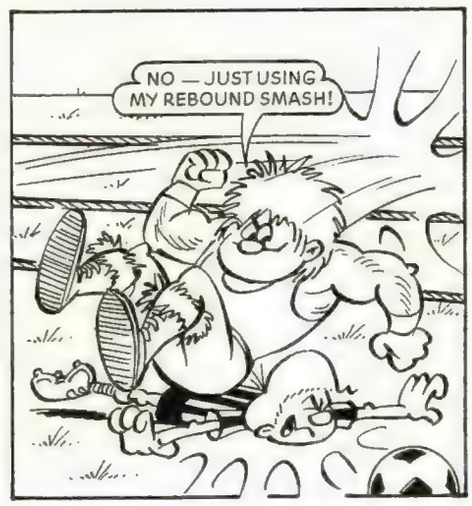
BALL BOY

WOW! THAT'S AN ODD CORNER FLAG!


THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE PLAYING A TEAM OF WRESTLERS THIS WEEK.
HULK SNOWMAN
THE COBRA
DOOM BROS
BILL BLUNDER BUSS
OO-ER!

So—
WAH! HE'S GOING TO GET ME.


PHEW! HE MISSED.


NO — JUST USING MY REBOUND SMASH!

HEAD IT, DOOM.

AW! THAT'S IT! THE GAME'S RUINED.
SSSS
DOOM BROS
THANK GOODNESS! THAT WAS FAR TOO VIOLENT.

WE'LL JUST WRESTLE INSTEAD.
HULK SNOWMAN
THE COBRA
WE WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL, BUT WE'VE NO BALL.

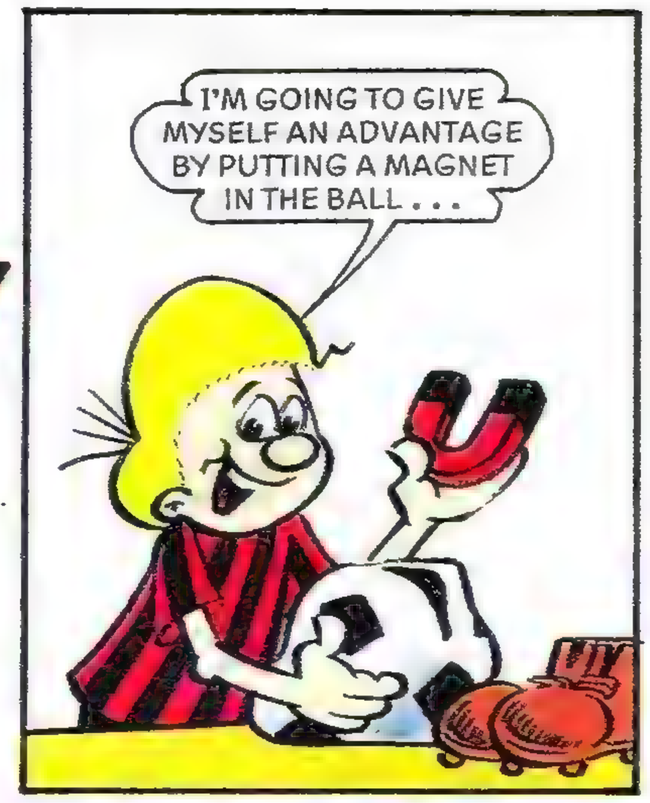
WE MANAGED TO GET ONE — WE'RE SAFE!

BUT I'M NOT!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU GOT YOUR NAME, BALL BOY.
HULK SNOWMAN
THE COBRA
DON'T WORRY — EVERYONE KNOWS OUR PUNCHES AND KICKS ARE FAKES!
BOOT!

BALL BOY
I'VE BEEN PRACTISING MY SLIDING TACKLES.
SLIDE
Soon —
NOW TO TRY IT OUT IN A REAL GAME.
But —
BAH! THE PITCH IS TOO DRY.
HMPH! I'LL NEED TO REPAIR MY BOOTS — THEY'RE WORN OUT.
I KNOW! I'LL PUT WHEELS ON THE HEELS.
THAT'S BETTER.
ROLL
But —
OOPS! CAN'T STOP!
BUT I CAN STEER WITH MY LACES.
WAHEY!
But —
OW! MY STEERING BROKE.
BONK!
HMM! BB'S NOT MUCH USE AS A PLAYER AT THE MOMENT . . .
. . . BUT WE CAN MAKE SOME MONEY RENTING HIM OUT TO THAT REMOVAL MAN.

BALL BOY
WOW! I'VE BEEN ASKED TO REFEREE AN UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL.
WHY DID YOU ASK ME?
BECAUSE WE WANTED SOMEONE WHO WASN'T THAT MUCH BIGGER THAN THE PLAYERS . . .
. . . IT'S AN UNDER 21 MONTHS MATCH.
WAH!
HMPH! THEY GAVE ME THIS INSTEAD OF A WHISTLE.
OH-OH!
WHAT A MESS!
CRASH!
BRING HELP! NO — NOT TRAINERS . . .
. . . WE NEED MECHANICS TO FIX THE BABYWALKERS.
MY FOUL!
BAH! NOW THEY'RE ALL CLAIMING IT WAS A FOUL.
NO MY FOUL — SO THERE!
WOW! GOOD IDEA!
LUCKILY IT'S FAIRLY EASY TO SHUT THEM UP.
Later —
THE MAN WHO LIKED MY IDEA IS A REAL REFEREE.

BALL BOY


I'M GOING TO GIVE MYSELF AN ADVANTAGE BY PUTTING A MAGNET IN THE BALL . . .

. . . AND WEARING STEEL TOECAPPED BOOTS. SO WHEN I KICK AWAY THE BALL . . .

. . . I CAN GET IT BACK.

EASY GOAL!

BAH! METAL POSTS.

I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA.

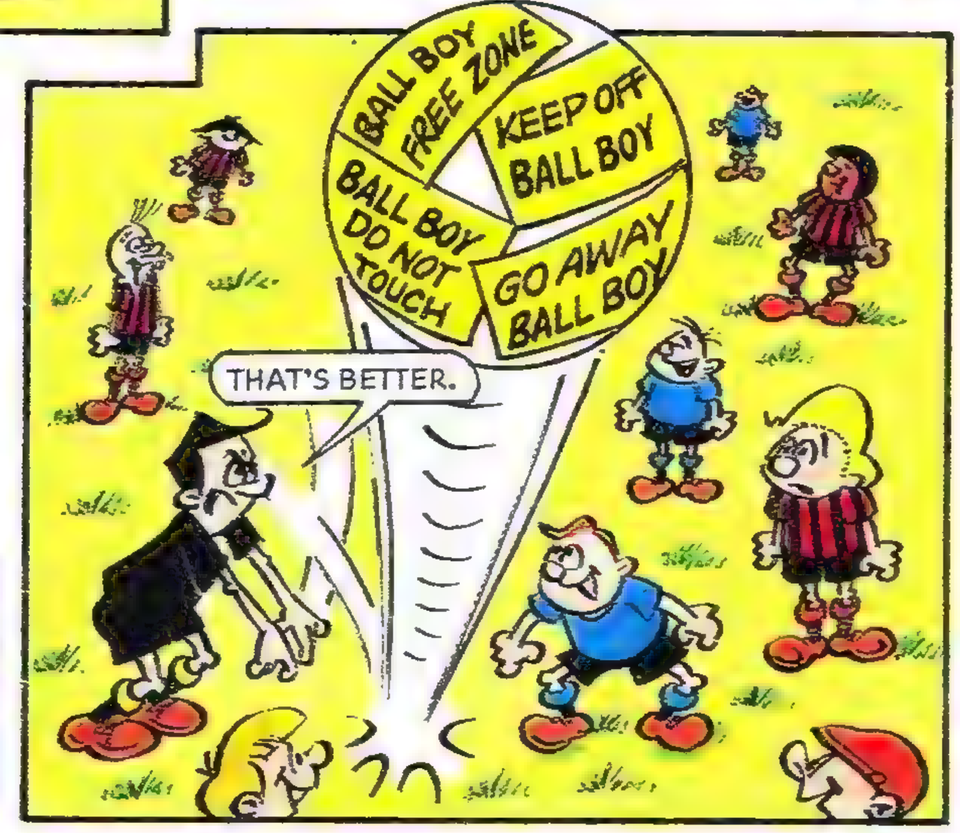
I'LL COVER THE BALL IN WASHING UP LIQUID.

WAH! TOO SLIPPY TO HOLD.

AHA! IT'S COVERED IN SOAPY STUFF!

I NEED A BATH AFTER ALL THIS DIVING ABOUT IN MUD.

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO DO SOMETHING TO THE BALL NOW, BALL BOY.


BALL BOY FREE ZONE
KEEP OFF BALL BOY
BALL BOY DO NOT TOUCH
GO AWAY BALL BOY
THAT'S BETTER.

BALL BOY
. . . AND THEN BENJY COMES IN AND SCORES! DO YOU UNDERSTAND MY PLAN?
ER — NO!
USELESS — LUCKILY I'VE DRAWN YOU MAPS OF WHERE TO RUN.
At the game —
GREAT! THEY'RE ALL RUNNING INTO THE RIGHT PLACES . . .
BUT YOU CAN'T READ A MAP AND KICK A BALL AT THE SAME TIME.
MAYBE THIS'LL HELP.
I'LL DRAW LINES ON THE PITCH FOR YOU TO FOLLOW.
GREAT! DON'T NEED MAPS NOW!
HAVE TO STOP THIS.
I'LL EXTEND THE LINES.
An opponent
BAH! HE MADE THEM ALL JOIN UP!
BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, TEAM!
GOOD! THEY STILL WANT TO LEARN MORE TACTICS.
But —
YOU KICK HERE — I'LL PUNCH HERE. THEN WE'LL GET A STEAMROLLER . . .

BALL BOY
I'M GOING TO TRY A MAZY DRIBBLE.
OH, NO! BALL BOY'S USELESS AT THIS.
HE'S NOT EVEN UP TO DODGING FLAGS.
I NEED SOME DODGING PRACTICE.
Later, in the High Street —
I KNOW! I'LL WEAVE THROUGH THAT CROWD OF PEOPLE.
So —
MADE IT! AND I'VE STILL GOT CONTROL OF THE BALL . . .
. . . AND A HAT, A PIE AND AN HANDBAG.
I'LL RETURN THEM WITH MY SUPER ACCURATE KICKING.
OOPS! DIDN'T SELECT MY TARGETS TOO WELL.
LOOKS LIKE I'LL GET SOME MORE DODGING PRACTISE.
MENACE!
PEST!
KIND OF THESE PEOPLE TO HELP ME.

BALL BOY

HMM . . . SOME MUDDY PATCHES ON THE PITCH TODAY.

VERY MUDDY PATCHES, EH, TITCH?

SOME SAWDUST USUALLY HELPS TO DRY IT OUT.
SAWDUST

BAH! BUT THIS ONE IS JUST EATING IT UP.
BURP

MAYBE A BOARD OVER THE MUD WILL DO THE TRICK.

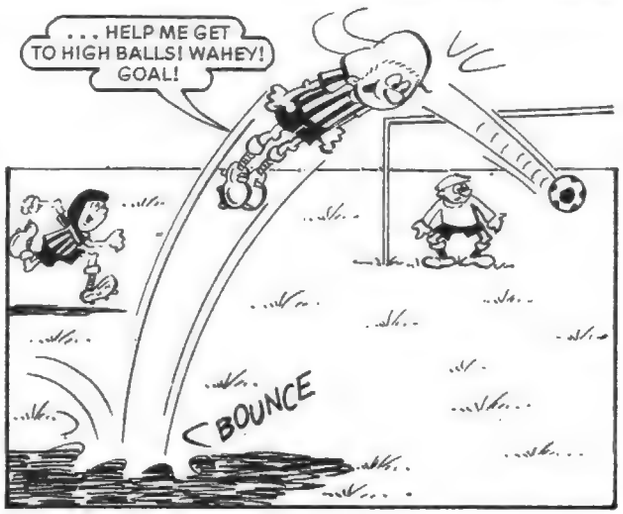
HMM! BUT NOT TOO GOOD FOR NEARBY PLAYERS.

I KNOW! I'LL BORROW SOMETHING FROM MUM'S SHOPPING.

INSTANT JELLY POWDER.

THAT'S IT! NO-ONE WILL SINK INTO IT NOW . . .

. . . AND IT WILL ALSO . . .


. . . HELP ME GET TO HIGH BALLS! WAHEY! GOAL!
BOUNCE

BALL BOY
I'VE GOT A NEW SPORTS BAG.
IT COMES WITH A MAP TO SHOW WHERE ALL THE ZIPS GO.
THIS IS THE BOOT POCKET . . .
. . . THIS IS FOR MY TRACKSUIT . . .
. . . AND HERE'S ONE FOR THE KITCHEN SINK.
WOW! AND I'VE STILL GOT ALL THIS SPACE LEFT.
I'VE HAD AN IDEA. I'LL BORROW THESE WHEELS.
OLD PRAM
AND PUT THEM ON MY BAG.
OUR TEAM BUS ISN'T UP TO MUCH . . .
. . . BUT WHO NEEDS IT NOW?

BALL BOY

AH! YOU'RE LOVELY, MY DARLING GRASS, SO YOU ARE!
THAT GROUNDSMAN IS REALLY FOND OF HIS GRASS.
OH-OH! TOM SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
SLIDE
Then —
STOP
GOT YOU! NO MORE SLIDE TACKLING.

ESPECIALLY NOT WITH THESE STUDS IN — I'LL TAKE THEM ALL OUT.
I DON'T THINK PLAYING WITHOUT STUDS WILL HELP THE GRASS TOO MUCH . . .
. . . BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE SLIP . . .
SLIP

. . . THEY COME DOWN HARD . . .
WHUMP!
WAH! MY PITCH.
. . . AND LEAVE DENTS!
THAT'S IT, I'M PUTTING THE COVERS ON — YOU'RE NOT GETTING TO TOUCH MY GRASS.

THIS COVER ISN'T TOO BAD TO PLAY ON . . .
. . . BUT I THINK THE GAME WILL BE A 0-0 DRAW! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SCORE.
Zzz

BALL BOY
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THIS WEEK, TEAM.
WHY? BAD REF? NASTY DEFENDERS?
NO — MY GIRLFRIEND, FLORENCE, IS WATCHING TODAY.
The game begins —
GREAT PASS, BENJY.
GOAL!
WAHEY!
NO! NO! DON'T HUG ME . . .
. . . TOO LATE.
HOI! THAT'S MY BOYFRIEND YOU ARE HUGGING.
EH!
FLORENCE IS FAB
WAHEY! MORE FUN THAN THE MATCH.
SHE GETS VERY JEALOUS.
QUICK! BRING A STRETCHER AND LOTS OF BANDAGES.
GOSH! DID SHE HURT THEM THAT BADLY?
NO — IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO RESTRAIN HER.
I DON'T MIND — QUITE A COMFORTABLE WAY TO WATCH THE MATCH, THIS.

BALLY BOO

VERY SLOW GAME TODAY — IT'S TOO HOT.

BUT IF I COULD KEEP MYSELF COOL I COULD RUN RINGS ROUND THAT LOT.

I'LL NEED YOUR HELP, SUBSTITUTE.

GREAT! JUST SPRAY ME WHEREVER I GO.

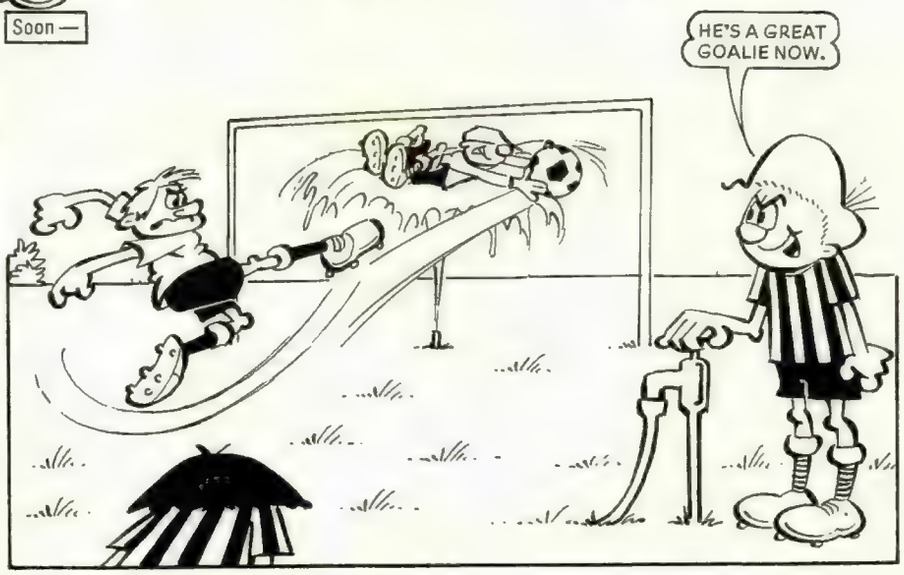
BAH! THIS WATER IS TOO POPULAR.

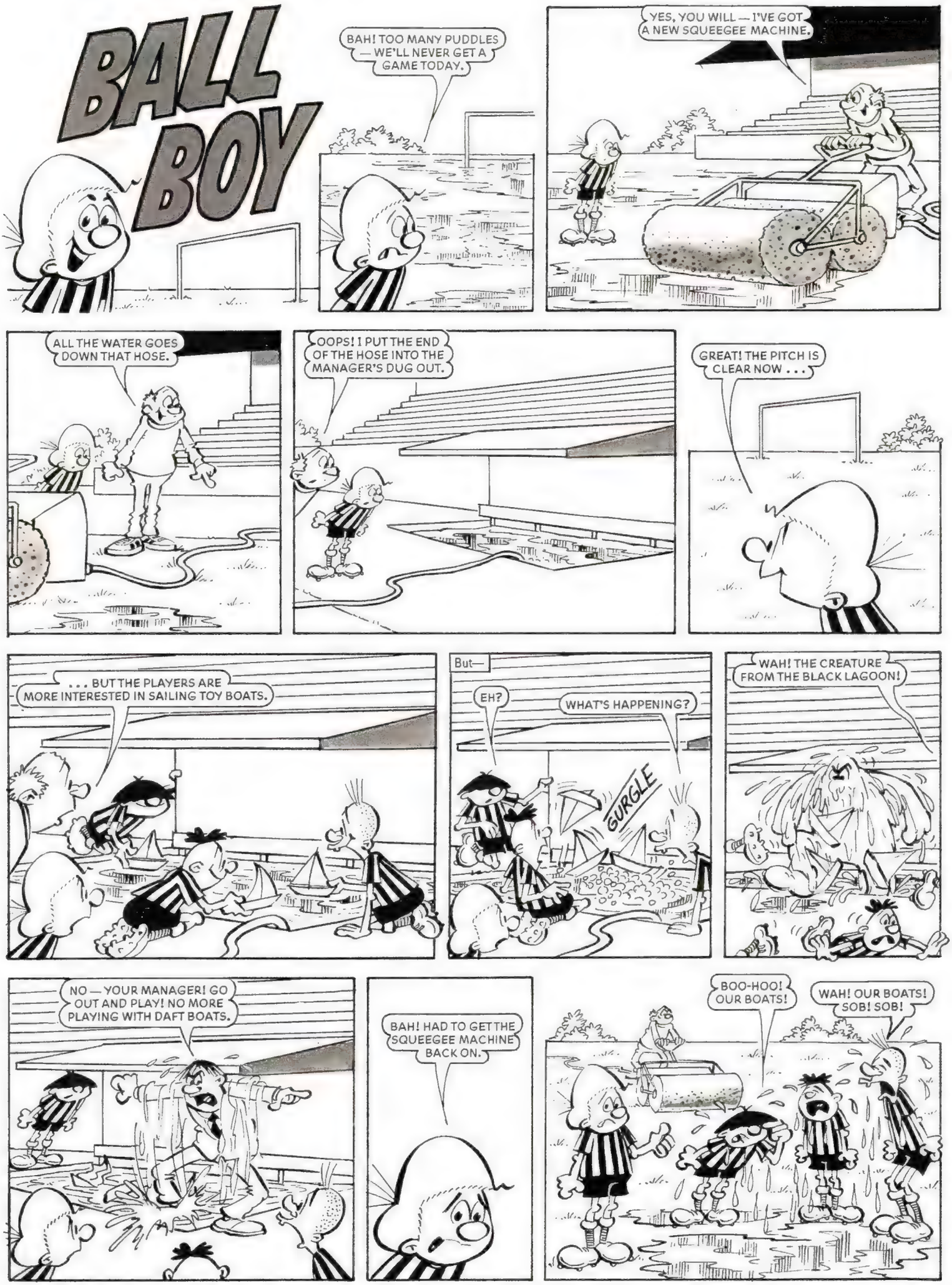
THEY ALL WANT SOME — I'M BEING MARKED TOO CLOSELY.

WAH! AND NOW I'VE LOST THE BALL.
Soon —

HMPH! AND OUR GOALIE HAS LET THE HEAT GET TO HIM.
ZZZ

I'LL HAVE TO USE MY HOSE AGAIN TO HELP HIM.


HE'S A GREAT GOALIE NOW.


BALL BOY
BAH! TOO MANY PUDDLES — WE'LL NEVER GET A GAME TODAY.
YES, YOU WILL — I'VE GOT A NEW SQUEEGEE MACHINE.
ALL THE WATER GOES DOWN THAT HOSE.
OOPS! I PUT THE END OF THE HOSE INTO THE MANAGER'S DUG OUT.
GREAT! THE PITCH IS CLEAR NOW . . .
. . . BUT THE PLAYERS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN SAILING TOY BOATS.
But—
EH?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
GURGLE
WAH! THE CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON!
NO — YOUR MANAGER! GO OUT AND PLAY! NO MORE PLAYING WITH DAFT BOATS.
BAH! HAD TO GET THE SQUEEGEE MACHINE BACK ON.
BOO-HOO! OUR BOATS!
WAH! OUR BOATS! SOB! SOB!

BALL BOY
WE'VE GOT TO WEAR EARMUFFS WHEN WE PLAY THESE DAYS.
THE FANS' SNORING IS TOO LOUD FOR US.
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
FOOTBALL HAS BECOME BORING — HASN'T BEEN A GOAL FOR AGES.
TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SCORE WE'LL WIDEN THE GOALS.
OOPS!
WHAP!
LEAVE HIS HAT LIKE THAT — IT'LL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO SAVE SHOTS.
CONCRETE WILL SLOW DOWN DEFENDERS.
THAT'S BETTER!
STUCK
HE'S GOING TO SCORE!
BAH! THE BUTTER THEY PUT ON MY HANDS DOESN'T HELP THINGS!
SCOOT!
WELL THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GOALS NOW .
PITY THE FANS WON'T SEE THEM — WE HAD TO EXTEND THE SCORE BOARD.
BAH! CAN'T SEE A THING!
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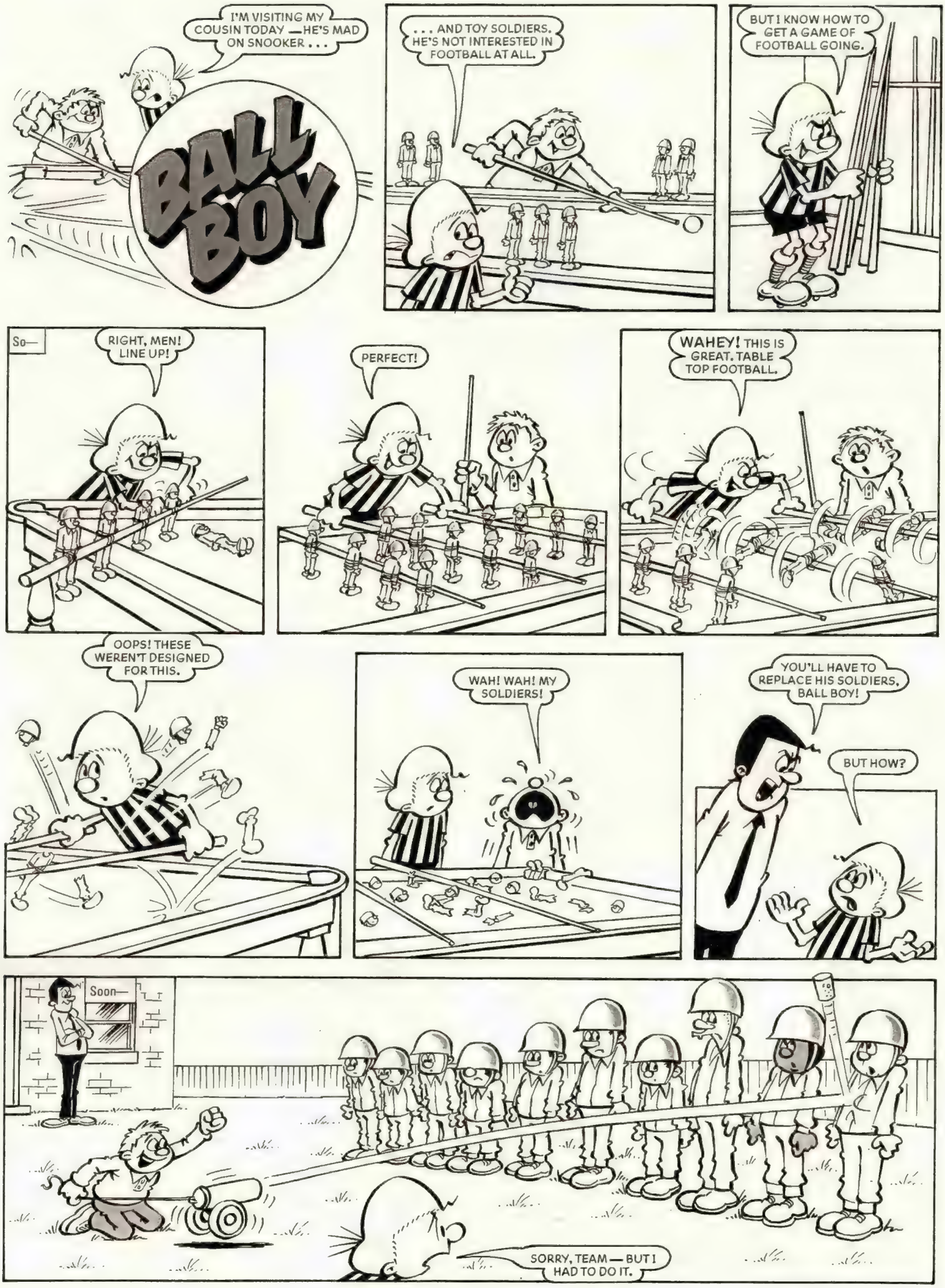

BALL BOY
I'M VISITING MY COUSIN TODAY —HE'S MAD ON SNOOKER . . .
. . . AND TOY SOLDIERS. HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN FOOTBALL AT ALL.
BUT I KNOW HOW TO GET A GAME OF FOOTBALL GOING.
So—
RIGHT, MEN! LINE UP!
PERFECT!
WAHEY! THIS IS GREAT. TABLE TOP FOOTBALL.
OOPS! THESE WEREN'T DESIGNED FOR THIS.
WAH! WAH! MY SOLDIERS!
YOU'LL HAVE TO REPLACE HIS SOLDIERS, BALL BOY!
BUT HOW?
Soon—
SORRY, TEAM — BUT I HAD TO DO IT.

BALL BOY

I THINK WE SHOULD WATER THE PITCH BEFORE TODAY'S MATCH, BENJY.
WHY, BALL BOY?

BECAUSE THE DROUGHT IS CRACKING IT UP.
WAH!
CRACK!

DON'T USE THAT HOSE! THERE'S A WATER SHORTAGE, YOU KNOW.
BAH!

I'LL HAVE TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO WATER THE PITCH.

THIS SHOULD WORK.
Walter the Softy

PEOPLE CAN'T RESIST FIRING WATER PISTOLS AT WALTER.

Then —
BAD WAITERS COMPETITION

THAT'S NEARLY ALL THE PITCH DONE.
WOOPS!
ERK!

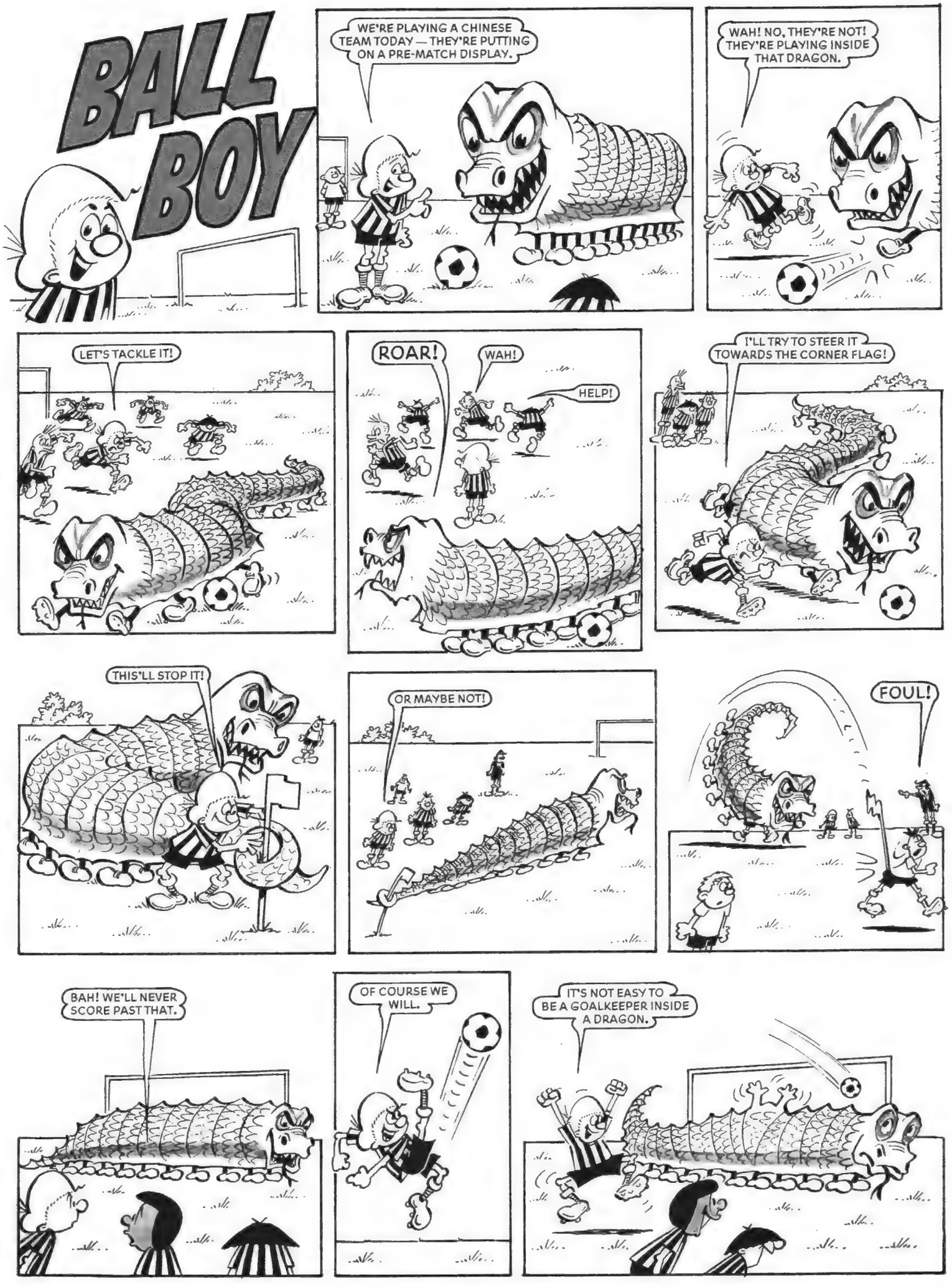
THIS LEAKY WATER BED SHOULD FINISH IT OFF.

WELL DONE, FATTY.

Then —
OUR PITCH IS WELL WATERED NOW . . .

. . . BUT THERE ARE DISADVANTAGES IN HAVING THE ONLY BIT OF GREEN GRASS FOR MILES.

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING BY EXPERIMENTAL NEW RULES TODAY. FOR FOULS PEOPLE WILL GET SENT OFF FOR 10 MINUTES IN A SIN BIN — JUST LIKE ICE HOCKEY.
Then—
MUST TRY IT.
RIGHT! TEN MINUTES IN THE SIN BIN.
GREAT! I WANTED TO BE FIRST OFF! NOW I CAN HAVE A SEAT.
ER . . . WE DON'T FANCY SHARING WITH PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN SENT OFF.
SO WE GOT A REAL BIN FOR YOU.
BAH! I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS.
Then—
HE'LL BE EVEN LESS HAPPY NOW.
GRR!
OH-OH! THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS.
SEND HIM OFF PROPERLY NOW, REF.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL HAVE TO BOTHER . . .
. . . LOOK! HAW! HAW!
HO-HO!
HEE-HEE!
WAH!


BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING A CHINESE TEAM TODAY — THEY'RE PUTTING ON A PRE-MATCH DISPLAY.
WAH! NO, THEY'RE NOT! THEY'RE PLAYING INSIDE THAT DRAGON.
LET'S TACKLE IT!
ROAR!
WAH!
HELP!
I'LL TRY TO STEER IT TOWARDS THE CORNER FLAG!
THIS'LL STOP IT!
OR MAYBE NOT!
FOUL!
BAH! WE'LL NEVER SCORE PAST THAT.
OF COURSE WE WILL.
IT'S NOT EASY TO BE A GOALKEEPER INSIDE A DRAGON.

BALL BOY
WE'VE JUST SIGNED A NEW PLAYER — HE SHOULD BE GOOD!
TO YOU, BENJY!
YOURS, DIMMY!
YOURS, BALL BOY!
WHY WON'T ANYONE PASS TO THE NEW PLAYER?
BECAUSE BY THE TIME I SAY "YOURS, SLOBOJ-ANUBORISFLUBBODUBADAN-OVICH" . . .
. . . THE BALL'S GONE!
WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM A SHORT NICKNAME.
WE'LL CALL YOU SLOBBO!
GRR! IN MY COUNTRY THAT MEANS 'FACE LIKE A ONE-EYED GOAT'S AUNTIE!
OOPS! MAYBE SOMETHING ELSE THEN!
So—
GO ON, FLUBBO.
IN MY COUNTRY THAT MEANS "DO A HANDSTAND".
GASP!
Later—
WE GIVE UP — WE CAN'T PASS TO HIM AND AS WE'RE SO TIRED . . .
. . . WE GOT HIM TO COMMIT A FOUL . . .
FOUL!
. . . SO WE COULD GET A GOOD LONG REST. CHUCKLE!
HOW DO YOU SPELL IT? S-L-O-B-O-J-A-N . . .

BALL BOY

THERE'S A BIG MUDCHESTER UNITED MATCH ON TODAY AS WELL AS OUR MATCH.

LUCKILY I'VE GOT MY RADIO.

WITH A LONG WIRE TO THE HEADPHONES SO I CAN PLAY AND LISTEN TO THE MATCH AT THE SAME TIME.

So—

GET THAT OFF, BALL BOY — YOU'VE TANGLED UP THE OPPOSITION.

DON'T WORRY, BALL BOY, I'VE BROUGHT MY POCKET TELEVISION.

BAH! NOT VERY GOOD RECEPTION!

IT GETS BETTER THE HIGHER IT GOES.
SO IT DOES!

Soon—
IT'S PERFECT NOW!

But—
THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'LL ABANDON THE GAME IF SOMEONE GETS ME A LADDER.
OK. BUT WHY THE LADDER?

BECAUSE I'M A MUDCHESTER FAN TOO!

BALL BOY
WHAT A USELESS KEEPER, WE'VE GOT.
So —
I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM SOME PRIVATE TUITION.
WONDER WHAT BALL BOY'S DOING TO OUR KEEPER?
Soon —
I'LL SEE IF THE GOALIE'S IMPROVED.
GREAT!
WOW! HE HARDLY SEEMED TO TOUCH IT!
Then —
NO-NO! DON'T RUN FOR THE BALL.
THAT'S THE SECRET! HE'S CLING-FILMED THE GOALPOSTS.
TIME UP!
TOO LATE TO COMPLAIN NOW — WE'VE WON!
Then —
IT'S A PITY WE GOT SO DIRTY DURING THE MATCH . . .
. . . OUR OPPONENTS HAVE CLING-FILMED THE BATH!

BALL BOY

WE'RE A GOAL DOWN — WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP OUR MINDS ON THE GAME.

TO YOU . . . EH? WHERE ARE THE REST OF MY TEAM?

BAH! THEY'VE SNEAKED OFF!
ICE CREAM

GET BACK! WE'VE A MATCH TO WIN!

LOOK! A FIREMAN GETTING A CAT OUT OF A TREE!
BAH! MY TEAM ARE TOO EASILY DISTRACTED.

I'LL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP THEM ON THE PITCH.

I GOT SOMEONE TO DIG A MOAT.

THEY WON'T BE RUNNING OFF NOW.

WE SHOULD GET SOME FOOTBALL PLAYED NOW.

OR MAYBE NOT.

TRYING TO TAKE THIS THROW-IN MIGHT TAKE THE REST OF THE MATCH.

BALL BOY
THIS IS OUR NEW PLAYER, EDWIN — HE'S GREAT WITH HIS HEAD.
SEE! HE EVEN USES IT TO PUT HIS BOOTS ON.
The match starts —
WHAT A PLAYER.
But —
SORRY, BALL BOY — THIS IS A FIVE A SIDE TOURNAMENT. THE BALL CAN'T GO ABOVE SHOULDER HEIGHT.
BAH! MAYBE HE'LL BE OKAY WITH HIS FEET.
SORRY, BALL BOY — CAN'T KICK AT ALL.
I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
THIS WAY YOU CAN USE YOUR HEAD AND STILL KEEP THE BALL LOW.
AND NOW TO SHOOT.
WE'VE WON.
WE WON THE TOURNAMENT . . .
. . . AND EDWIN CAN BE HANDY AGAIN . . .
THUD!
. . . FOR HANGING THE TEAM PICTURE ON THE CLUBHOUSE WALL.

BALL BOY
WE'VE GOT A NEW SCOREBOARD — IT DOESN'T JUST GIVE THE SCORE . . .
. . . IT CAN FLASH UP MESSAGES TOO.
COME ON, BALL BOY'S TEAM!
Then —
OPERATOR, CAN YOU MAKE IT SAY . . .
So —
HOI, UGLY MUSH!
EH?
I AM NOT UGLY!
HOI, UGLY MUSH!
BUT YOU WERE DISTRACTED — I'VE GOT THE BALL NOW.
WAHEY! THAT SCOREBOARD IS GREAT.
But then —
GO HOME AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK, BALL BOY!
WAH! NO IT ISN'T!
THAT'S THE GAME OVER FOR ME . . .
. . . UNLESS . . .
12 X 7 =
EIGHTY-FOUR! I CAN PLAY AND DO MY HOMEWORK AT THE SAME TIME.

BALL BOY

TUT! TUT! CAN'T HAVE THIS!

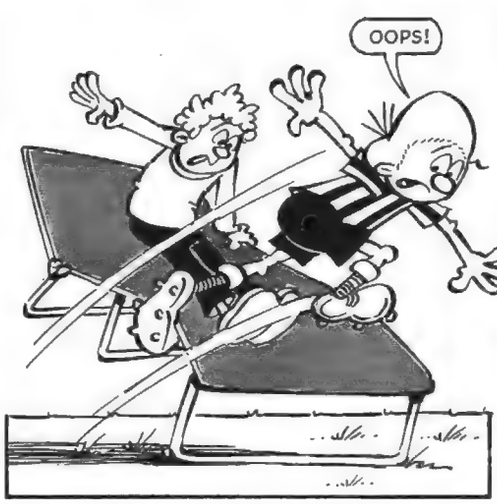
FOOTBALL GROUNDS HAVE TO BE ALL SEATED NOW — YOU'LL HAVE TO GET SEATS IN OR I'LL CLOSE THE GROUND.

WAH! NO MONEY!

LET'S GO AND GET SEATS FROM OUR HOUSES!

THAT'S BETTER!

The game restarts —
I'LL RUN UP THE WING.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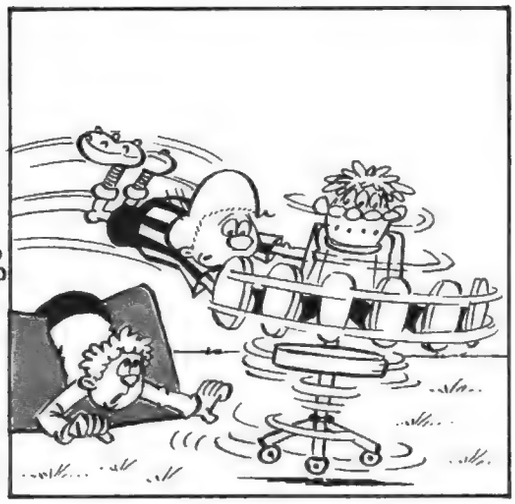


THIS ALL SEATER STADIUM IS TOO DANGEROUS!

ALL SEATED FOOTBALL IS FAR SAFER!

BALL BOY

I'LL PHONE BENJY AND SEE IF HE FANCIES A KICKABOUT IN THE GARDEN.

. . . TOUGH LUCK! YOUR TELEPHONE IS OUT OF ORDER — TOUGH LUCK. . .

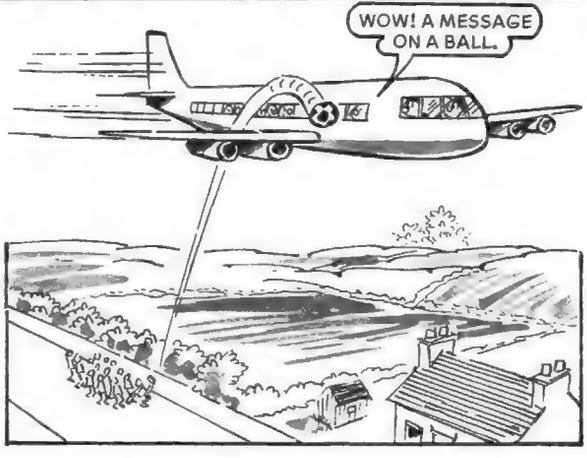
I KNOW! I'LL WRITE A MESSAGE ON THIS BALL . . .

. . . AND KICK IT TO HIM.

But then —
AHA!

And —

LOOK!


WOW! A MESSAGE ON A BALL.

GREAT! I'LL GO ROUND RIGHT AWAY.

SORRY, BENJY — NO ROOM FOR A KICKABOUT . . .

. . . TOO MANY PEOPLE SAW MY MESSAGE.
WHERE'S THE KICKABOUT?
RIGHT! LET'S GET STARTED, BALLBOY.

BALL BOY

QUICK! GIVE ME THE TEAM STRIPS — I'M IN A HURRY.
LAUNDRY

Just before the match —
HERE WE ARE — GET DRESSED.

FOOL, BALL BOY! YOU PICKED UP THE WRONG BAG! THESE ARE SEAT COVERS.

BAH! AT LEAST YOU GOT SEAT COVERS — LOOK AT US!
OOPS!

Then —
WONDERFUL! I LOVE ARRANGING FURNITURE — I'M AN INTERIOR DESIGNER.
EH?

YOU GO THERE! YOU, THERE!

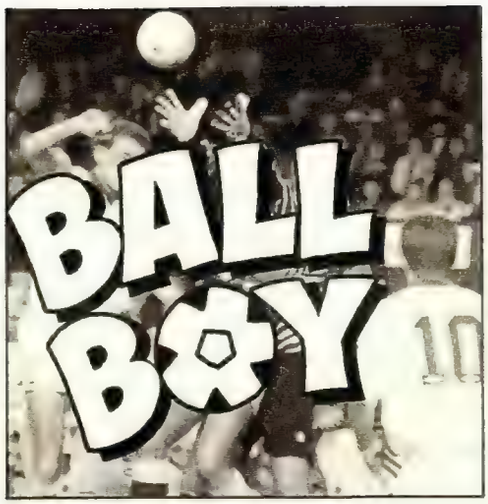
WOW! WHAT GREAT POSITIONING!

WE'VE SCORED!

AND THE OPPOSITION CAN'T GET PAST OUR SOLID SOFA — ER — DEFENCE!

PHEET
WE'VE WON — AND ALL BECAUSE OF THE INTERIOR DESIGNER! LET'S THANK HIM IN THE USUAL WAY . . .

. . . BY CHAIRING HIM OFF THE PITCH!
CHAIR COVERS ARE VERY HANDY FOR THIS.


BALL BOY

WE'RE PLAYING WITH MY NEW BALL TODAY.
OKAY!

MUST MAKE SURE YOUR BOOTS ARE CLEAN BEFORE YOU KICK IT!
EH?

CLEAN BOOTS ARE ALL VERY WELL . . .

. . . BUT THE BALL WILL GET MUDDY WHEN IT LANDS ON THE PITCH.

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

I COULD HAVE SOME FUN HERE!

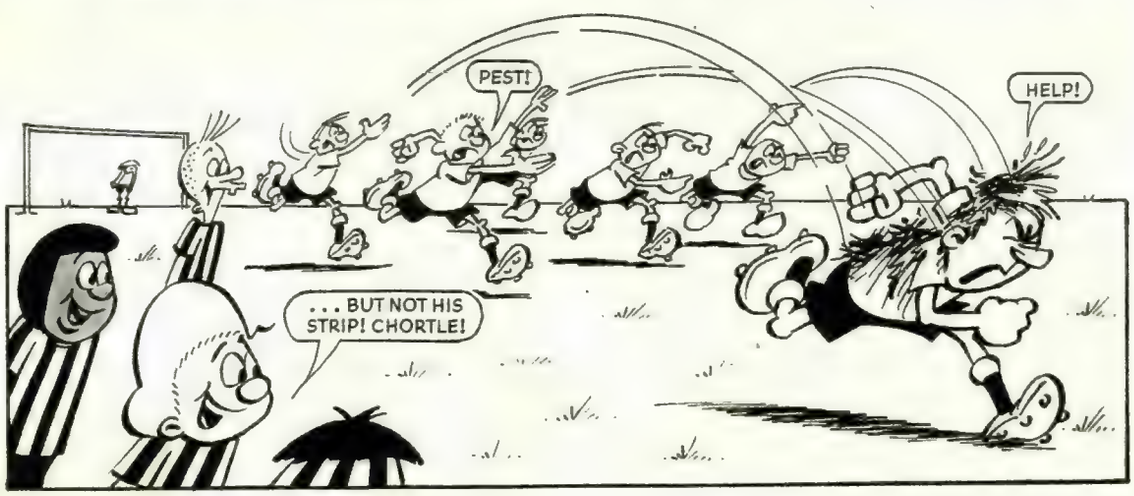
DID YOU KNOW THAT MUDDY HANDS STICK TO THE BALL BETTER?

NO — I DIDN'T! THANKS FOR THE TIP!

NO NEED FOR ME TO GO AFTER THAT!
MY BALL!

But —
HOI! YOU CAN'T TOUCH MY BALL WITH MUDDY HANDS!
AN OWN GOAL!
HA-HA!

WELL, HE KEPT HIS BALL CLEAN . . .


PEST!
HELP!
. . . BUT NOT HIS STRIP! CHORTLE!

BALL BOY

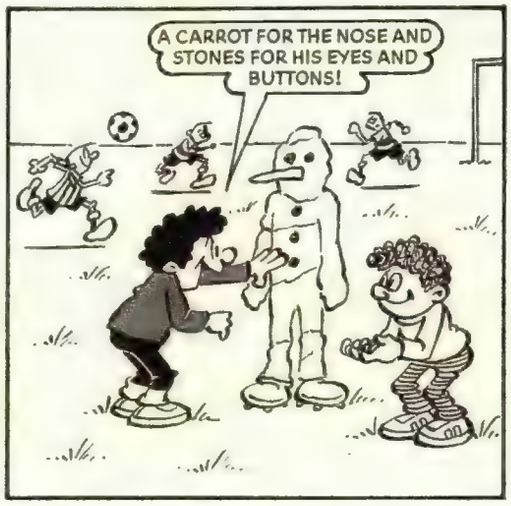
THIS IS OUR NEW SIGNING — HE COST A FORTUNE!
HAR-HAR! I'LL KICK HIS LEGS!

BAH! BALL BOY HAS STEPPED IN FRONT OF HIM!
OUCH! MUST PROTECT OUR NEW PLAYER!

HMM! CAN'T HAVE MYSELF GETTING KICKED TOO, THOUGH. I'LL HAVE TO THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

I'LL WRAP HIM IN COTTON WOOL!

LOOK! A SNOWMAN!


A CARROT FOR THE NOSE AND STONES FOR HIS EYES AND BUTTONS!

HMM! HE LOOKS A BIT THIN FOR A SNOWMAN!
WE'LL ROLL HIM IN THAT PATCH OF SNOW OVER THERE!

WITH ALL THIS EXTRA BULK . . .

. . . I'LL BE ABLE TO KNOCK OTHER PLAYERS OUT OF THE WAY!
OOF!

GREAT GOAL! THAT'S THE WINNER!

HAVING A SNOWMAN PLAYER IS GREAT IN SOME WAYS . . .

. . . BUT IT REALLY COOLS DOWN THE AFTER MATCH BATH! BRRR!

BALL BOY

THIS IS A SPECIAL GAME TODAY!

WE'RE BEING FILMED! LOOK!

HOPE I PLAY WELL TODAY!

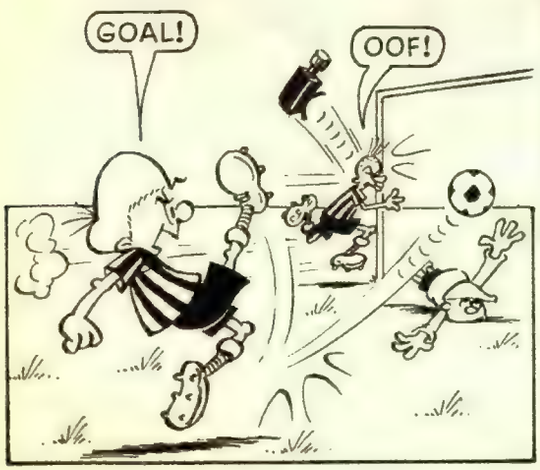
So —
THIS HEADER SHOULD LOOK GREAT ON THE TELEVISION!

OOPS!
OW!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HIM!
BLEURGLE!
OKAY, DIMMY!

And —
I HOPE DIMMY'S GOT ME IN CLOSE-UP!

WAAH! NOT THAT MUCH CLOSE UP!
YOU'RE LOOKING GREAT, BALL BOY! PANT!

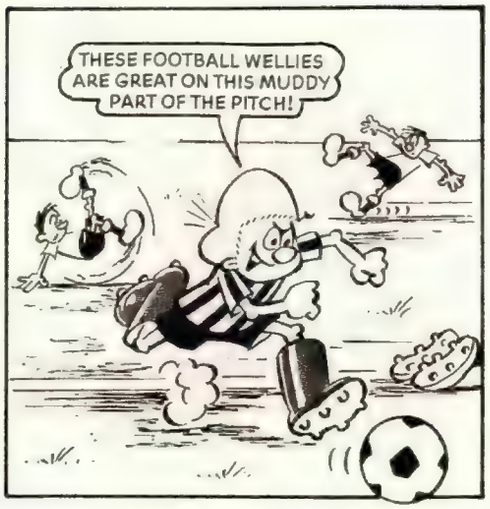

GOAL!
OOF!

SORRY, BALL BOY. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO WATCH YOUR GOAL AGAIN!
OH, YES, WE WILL!

GASP! BUT I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT DRAWING, B.B.!
. . . AND THE GOALIE DIVED THE WRONG WAY . . .

BALL BOY

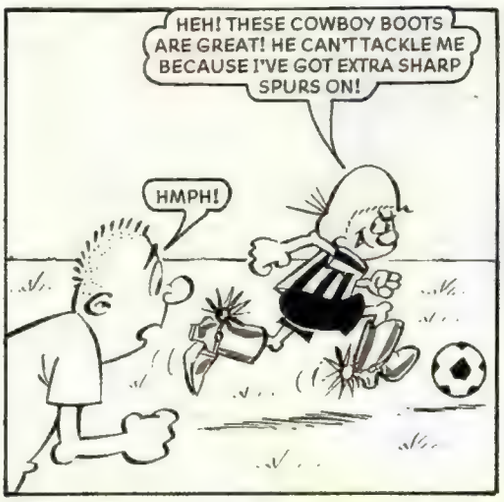
PROFESSOR NUTJOB HAS MADE ME SPECIAL BOOTS TO SUIT EVERY OCCASION!


THESE FOOTBALL WELLIES ARE GREAT ON THIS MUDDY PART OF THE PITCH!

BACK TO MY GOALIE TO CLEAR! WOOPS!
DON'T WORRY, B.B.

WAAH! CAN'T SEE!
OH, NO! AN OWN GOAL!

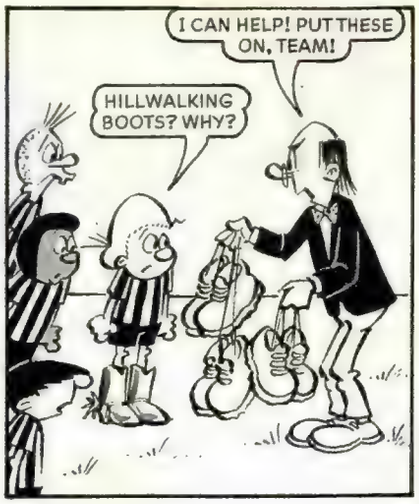
THAT BRUISER IS KICKING LUMPS OFF OUR TEAM, PROF!
TRY THESE BOOTS!


HEH! THESE COWBOY BOOTS ARE GREAT! HE CAN'T TACKLE ME BECAUSE I'VE GOT EXTRA SHARP SPURS ON!
HMPH!

Then—
WHAAAT! IT'S CLINT EASTWOOD!
THIS PITCH AIN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US, BOY! DRAW!

RIGHT, YOU! COMING ONTO THE PITCH WITHOUT PERMISSON, NOT WEARING A FOOTBALL KIT! OFF!
AAAW! MUMMY! BOO-HOO!

Half-time—
WHILE YOU'VE BEEN TRYING ON FOOTWEAR, WE'VE BEEN GETTING HAMMERED!


I CAN HELP! PUT THESE ON, TEAM!
HILLWALKING BOOTS? WHY?

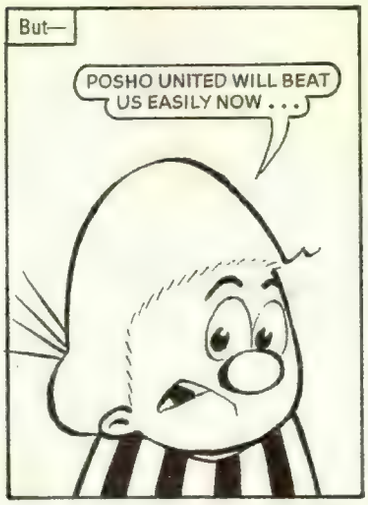
BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING BEATEN 9-0 AND YOU'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB IN THE SECOND HALF!
HUH! VERY FUNNY!

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST POSHO UNITED TODAY!
RIGHT — HEADS OR TAILS?
SORRY, OLD FRUIT, BUT I NEVER DEAL IN HARD CASH. USE MY CREDIT CARD!
ER . . .
GOLD SIDE UP!
The Game begins—
GOOD TACKLE, BALL BOY!
AAARRGH!
WAAAH!
QUICKLY! OVER HERE!
I NEVER TOUCHED HIM!
A QUICK BRUSH DOWN, SIR, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
SUCH AN EMBARRASSMENT TO BE SEEN WITH SOME GRIME ON ONE'S SHORTS!
Later—
I'M ON MY OWN DOWN THE WING! GOOD CHANCE HERE!
Then—
WAAH! WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT'S OUR SPEEDY WINGER! GOOD, EH?
HUH! HE'S NOT DOING ANY OF THE WORK, THOUGH!
GRR! THEY'RE REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES!
PSST! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THIS MONEY IF YOU MISS ON PURPOSE!
EH?

YOU CAN'T BRIBE US TO LOSE THE MATCH!
OH, NO? CHORTLE!

OH, NO!
WE'RE RICH!

IT'S NOT REAL MONEY! IT'S CHOCOLATE!
OH, WELL!
MUNCH! WE'LL HAMMER THEM IN THE SECOND HALF!

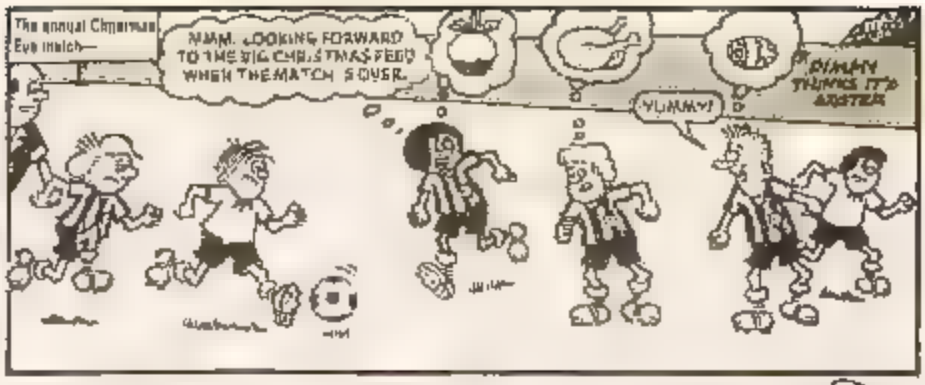

But—
POSHO UNITED WILL BEAT US EASILY NOW . . .

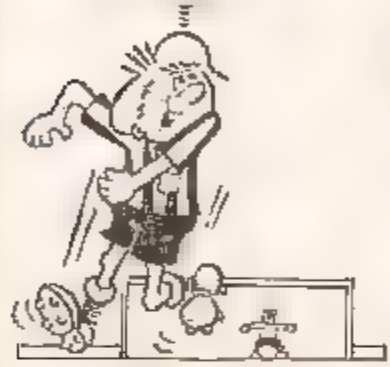
. . . THOSE COINS AT HALF TIME HAVE SLOWED US ALL DOWN! GROAN!
YE-E-ES!

THE BEST OF THE TOPPER
No.18. QUARTERLY
95p
WITH SPECIAL GUEST STARS FROM OTHER COMICS.
THE FUN NEVER SINKS IN THE BEST!
THE BEST OF THE BEEZER
95p
No. 18 QUARTERLY
WITH SPECIAL GUEST STARS FROM OTHER COMICS!
CLICK!
NOW ON SALE 95p EACH

BALL BOY
WOW! CAROL SINGERS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DAY MATCH!
JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE BELLS! JINGLE ALL THE WAY!
HEY! THEY'RE REALLY GOOD!
OH, BALL BOY HAS A RUBBISH SHOT . . .
. . . AND BENJI JUST CAN'T PLAY . . .
OOPS!
Gasp! Yet another!
HEY! YOU'RE PUTTING US OFF!
OH, GIVE IT UP, GIVE IT UP . . .
RIGHT! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN DO ANY BETTER. YOU PLAY INSTEAD OF US.
OKAY!
TO YOU, CARL!
WHAT A GOAL!
COO!
JUGGLE BALLS! JUGGLE BALLS! OUR TEAM ALL THE WAY! OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO WATCH THEM SCORE ON CHRISTMAS DAY!
WHAT A REFRESHING TUNE!
WE WON THAT MATCH FOR YOU, BALL BOY!
I KNOW!
AND WE COLLECTED ALL THIS MONEY FOR YOU WITH OUR GREAT SINGING!
HA-HA!

BALL BOY


The annual Christmas Eve match—
MMM. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BIG CHRISTMAS FEED WHEN THE MATCH IS OVER.
YUMMY!
DIMMY THINKS IT'S ASTER



Then
PHEEP!
AAARGH!

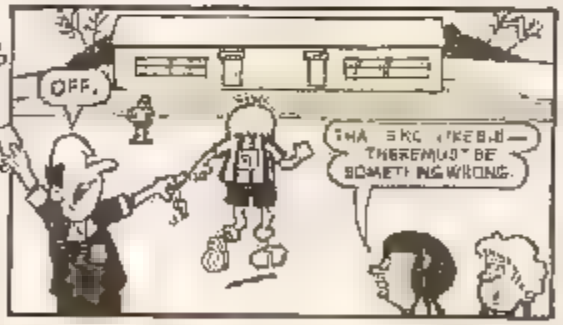
NAME?
BALL BOY
NUMBER?
NINE.

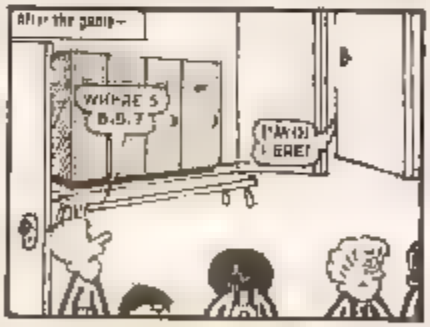
YOU'RE BOOKED!
YELLOW CARD

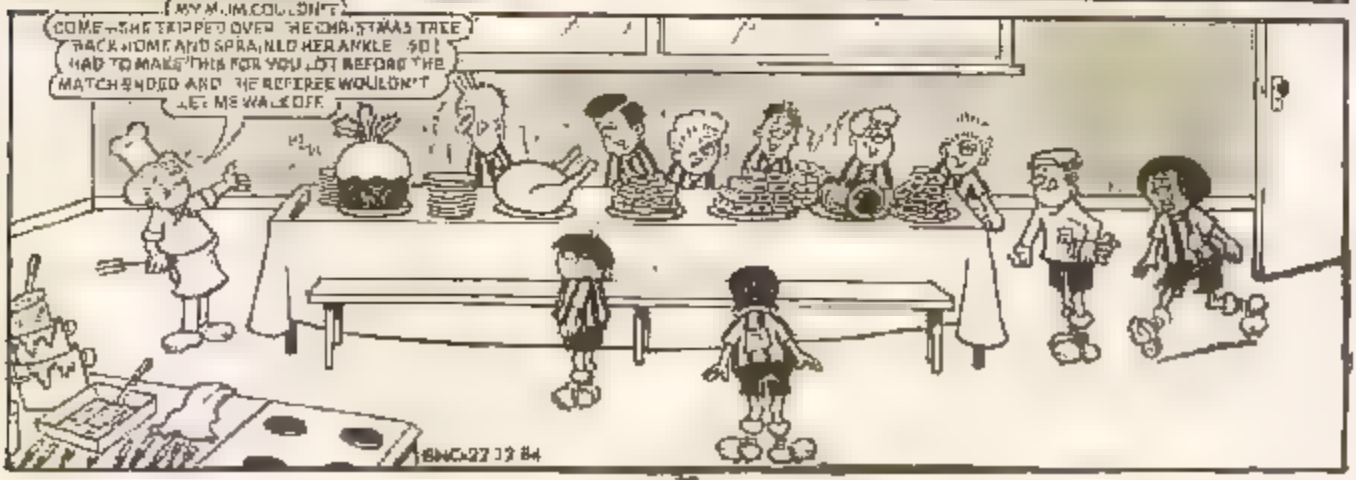
PASS

OFFSIDE REF?
WHAT A GOAL!
BOOT
OFFSIDE?
NO GOAL— IT WAS OFFSIDE!

YOU NEED SPECTACLES AND A WALKING STICK!
REACH
RED CARD


OFF.
THAT'S NOT LIKE BILL— THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG.


After the game—
WHERE'S B.B.?
DAVID! HERE!


MY MUM COULDN'T COME—SHE TRIPPED OVER THE CHRISTMAS TREE BACK HOME AND SPRAINED HER ANKLE. SO I HAD TO MAKE THIS FOR YOU LOT BEFORE THE MATCH ENDED AND THE REFEREE WOULDN'T LET ME WALK OFF.
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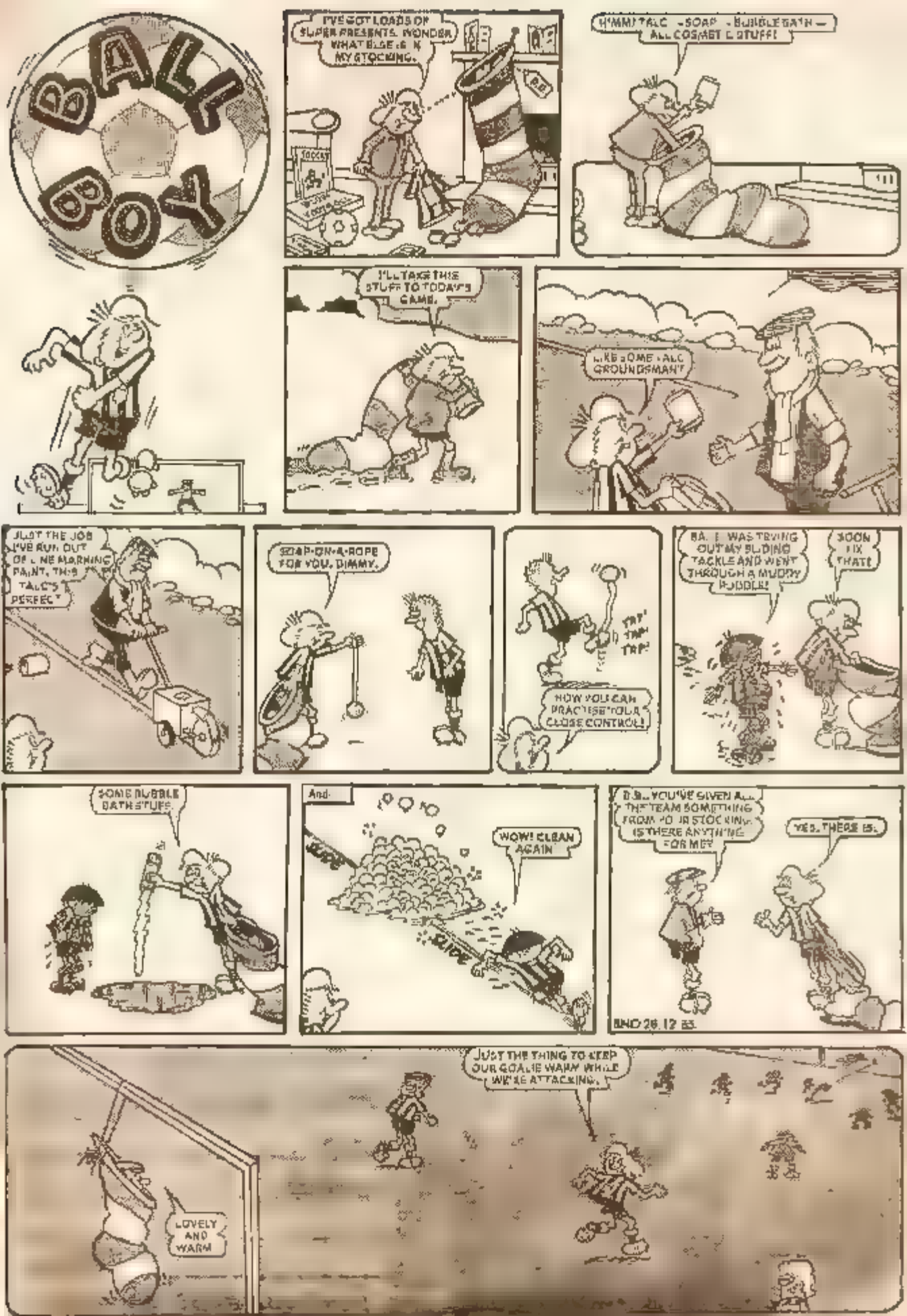
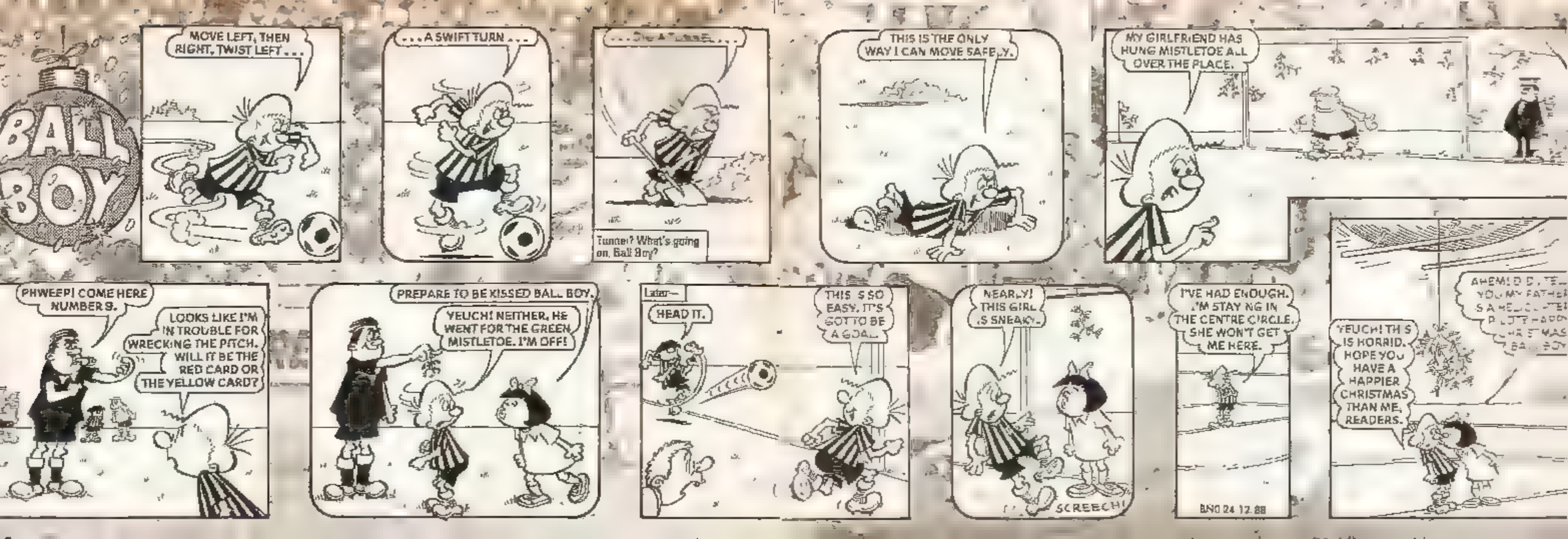
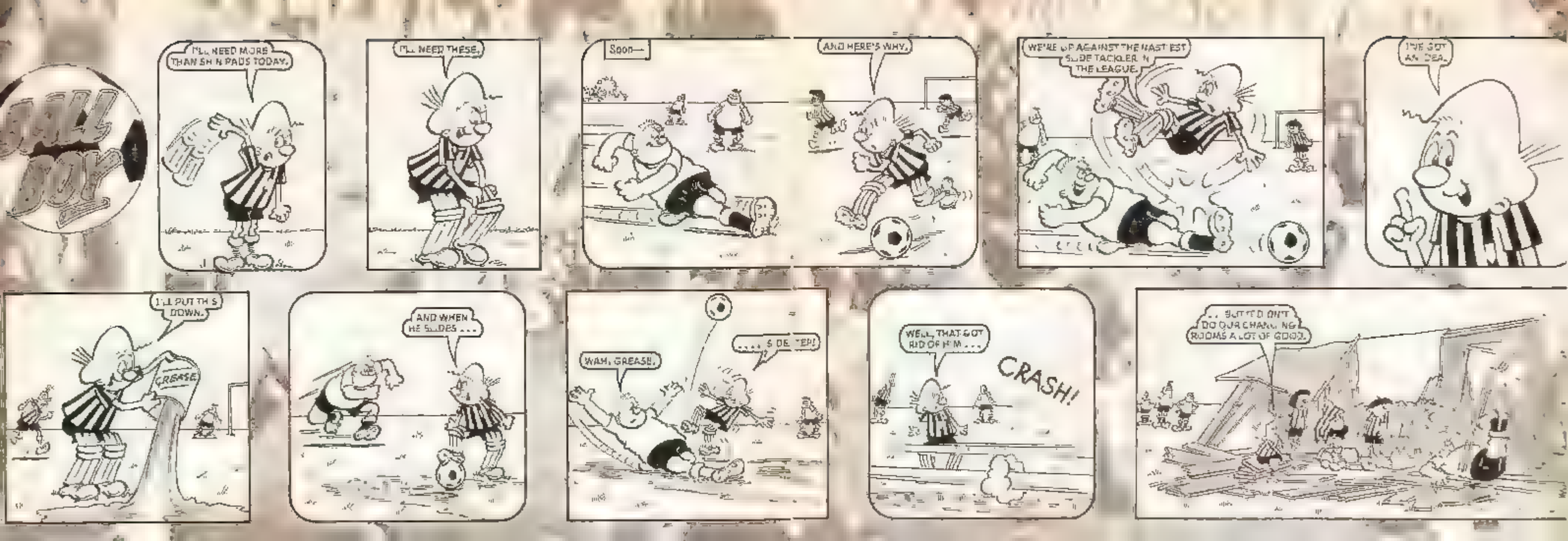
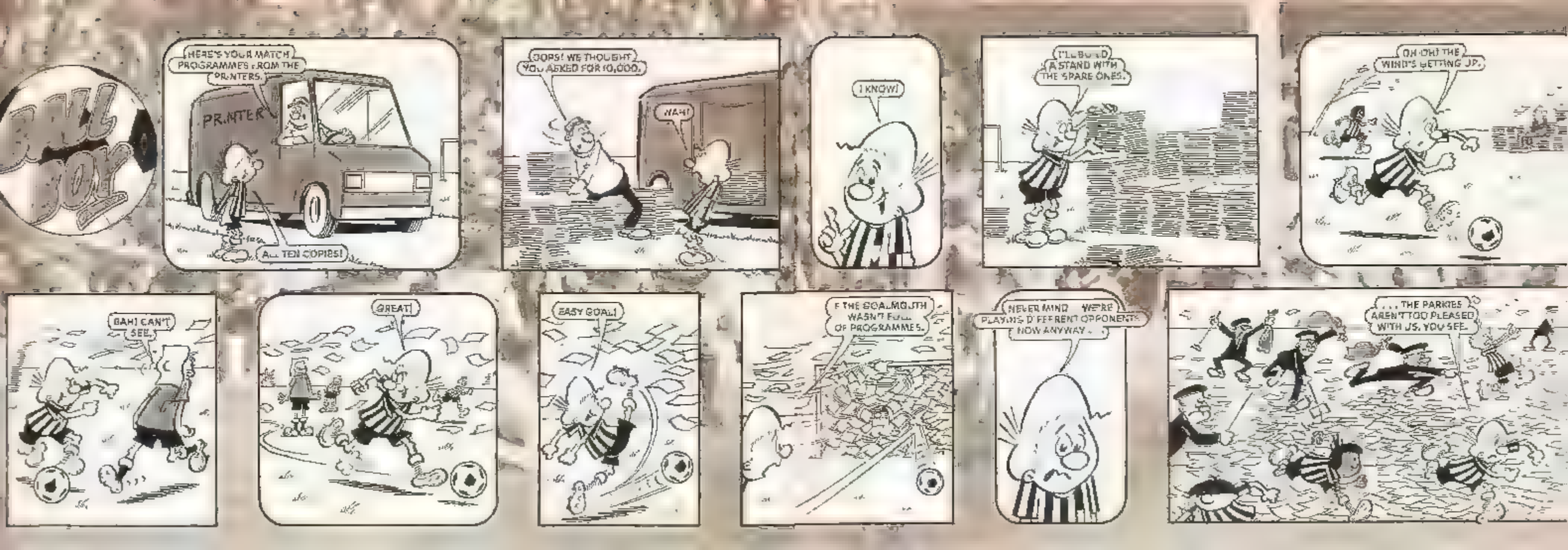
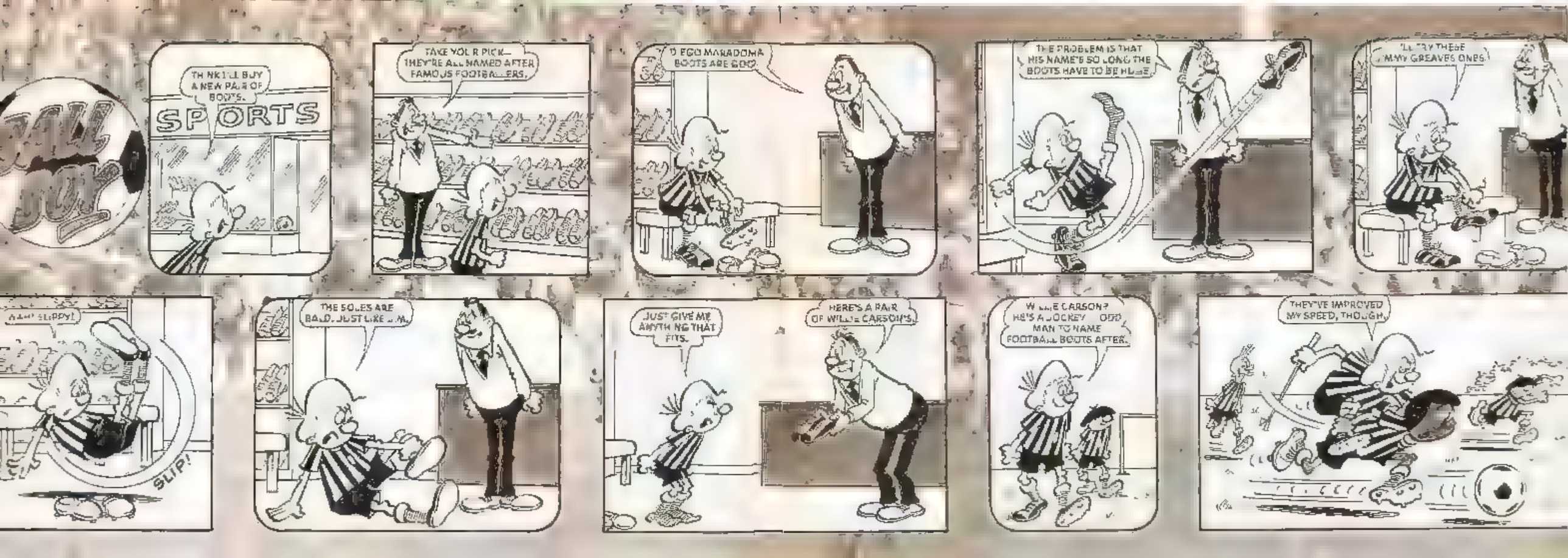

BALL BOY
I'VE GOT LOADS OF SUPER PRESENTS. WONDER WHAT ELSE IS IN MY STOCKING.
HMM! TALC - SOAP - BUBBLE BATH — ALL COSMETIC STUFF!
I'LL TAKE THIS STUFF TO TODAY'S GAME.
LIKE SOME ALL GROUNDSMAN?
JUST THE JOB I'VE RUN OUT OF LINE MARKING PAINT. THIS TALC'S PERFECT
SNAP-ON-A-ROPE FOR YOU, DIMMY.
TRIP! TRIP! TRIP!
NOW YOU CAN PRACTISE YOUR CLOSE CONTROL!
BA... I WAS TRYING OUT MY SLIDING TACKLE AND WENT THROUGH A MUDDY PUDDLE!
SOON FIX THAT!
SOME BUBBLE BATH STUFF.
And:
WOW! CLEAN AGAIN
SLIDE
SLIDE
D'S... YOU'VE GIVEN ALL THE TEAM SOMETHING FROM YOUR STOCKING. IS THERE ANYTHING FOR ME?
YES. THERE IS.
BND 26.12.83.
JUST THE THING TO KEEP OUR GOALIE WARM WHILE WE'RE ATTACKING.
LOVELY AND WARM

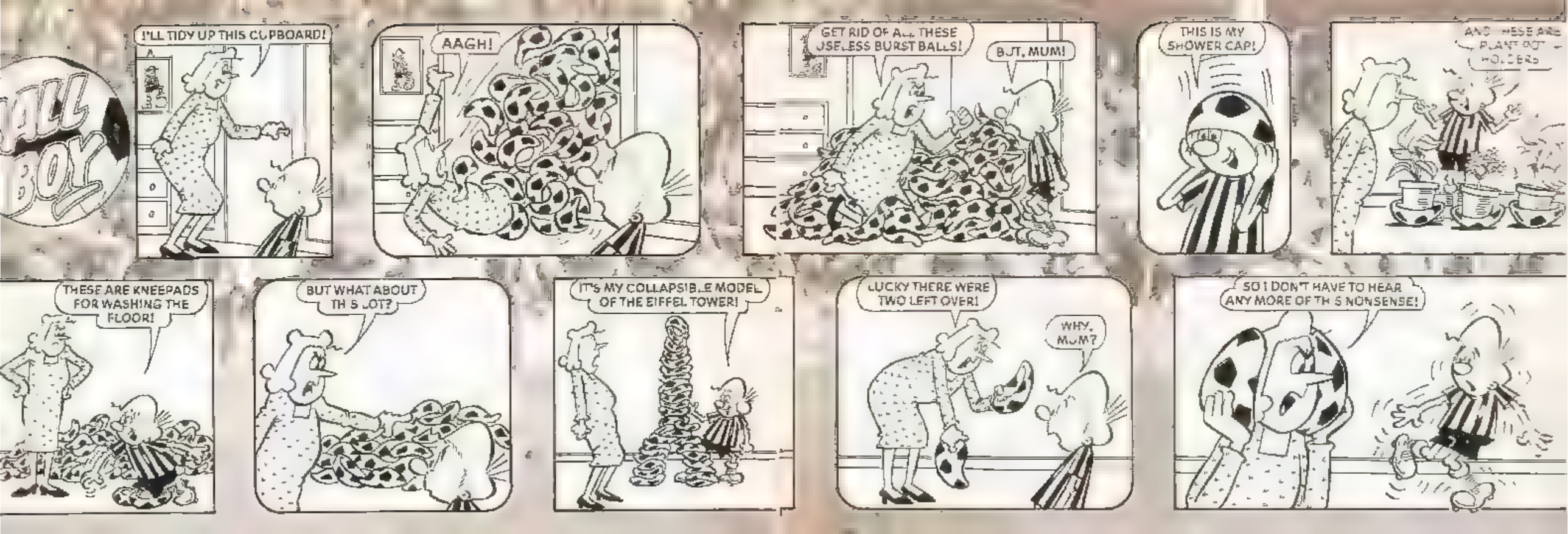

BALL BOY
MOVE LEFT, THEN RIGHT, TWIST LEFT . . .
. . . A SWIFT TURN . . .
Tunnel? What's going on, Ball Boy?
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN MOVE SAFELY.
MY GIRLFRIEND HAS HUNG MISTLETOE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
PHWEEP! COME HERE NUMBER 9.
LOOKS LIKE I'M IN TROUBLE FOR WRECKING THE PITCH. WILL IT BE THE RED CARD OR THE YELLOW CARD?
PREPARE TO BE KISSED BALL BOY.
YEUCH! NEITHER. HE WENT FOR THE GREEN MISTLETOE. I'M OFF!
Later—
HEAD IT.
THIS IS SO EASY. IT'S GOTTA BE A GOAL.
NEARLY! THIS GIRL IS SNEAKY.
SCREECH!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH. I'M STAYING IN THE CENTRE CIRCLE. SHE WON'T GET ME HERE.
BND 24 12 88
YEUCH! THIS IS HORRID. HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS THAN ME, READERS.

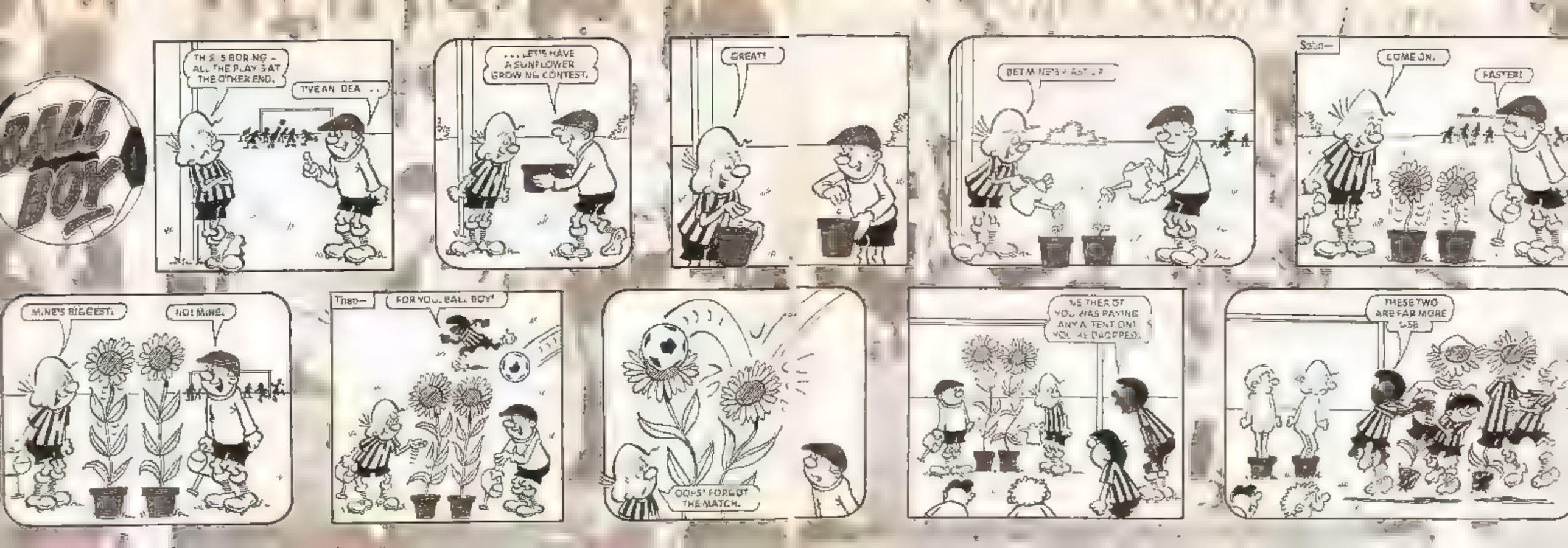

BALL BOY
I'LL NEED MORE THAN SHIN PADS TODAY.
I'LL NEED THESE.
Soon—
AND HERE'S WHY.
WE'RE UP AGAINST THE NASTIEST SLIDE TACKLER IN THE LEAGUE.
I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
I'LL PUT THIS DOWN.
GREASE
AND WHEN HE SLIDES . . .
WAH, GREASE!
. . . . SLIDE TEP!
WELL, THAT GOT RID OF HIM . . .
CRASH!
. . . SLITTED OUT DO OUR CHANGING ROOMS A LOT OF GOOD.


HERE'S YOUR MATCH PROGRAMMES FROM THE PRINTERS.
PRINTER
ALL TEN COPIES!
OOPS! WE THOUGHT YOU ASKED FOR 10,000.
NAH!
I KNOW!
I'LL BUILD A STAND WITH THE SPARE ONES.
OH OH! THE WIND'S GETTING UP.
BAH! CAN'T SEE.
GREAT!
EASY GOAL!
IF THE GOALMOUTH WASN'T FULL OF PROGRAMMES.
NEVER MIND WE'RE PLAYING DIFFERENT OPPONENTS NOW ANYWAY.
... THE PARKIES AREN'T TOO PLEASED WITH US, YOU SEE.

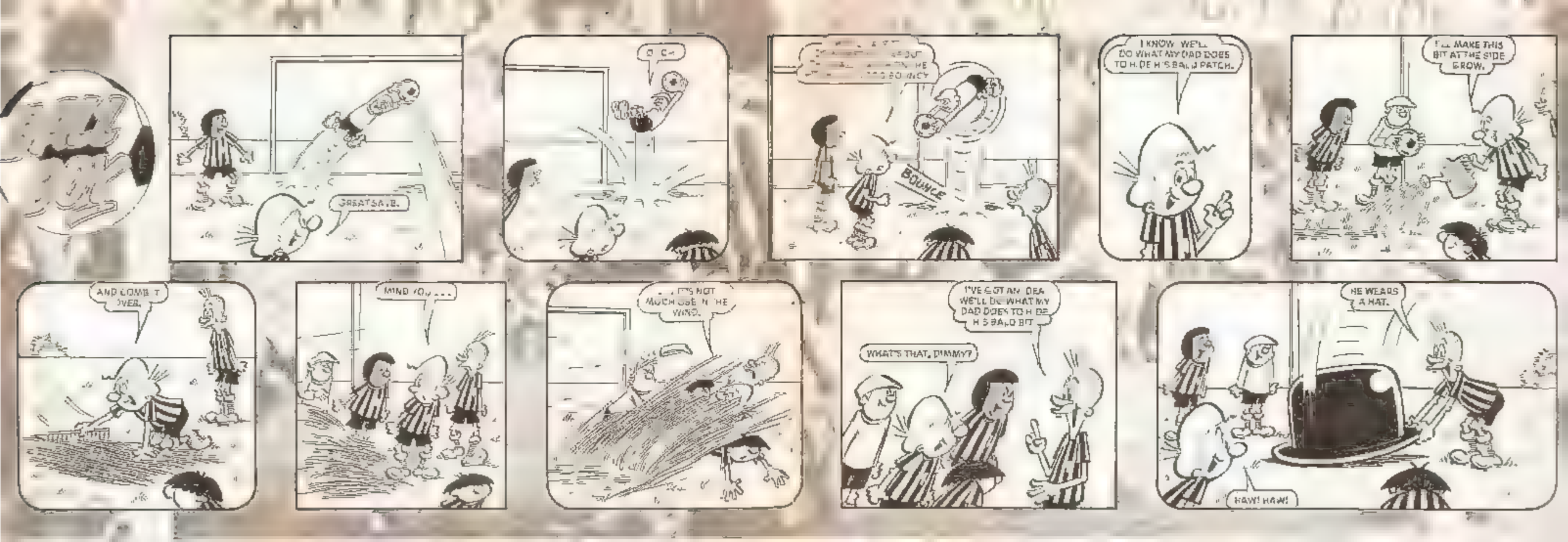
GREAT GOAL. SHOULD DRIVE THE FANS WILD.
SORRY, B.B. I HATE GOING WILD ON MY OWN.
I FORGOT WE ONLY HAVE A SINGLE FAN.
I KNOW WHERE TO GET SOME MORE FANS.
THE SHOP DOWN THE ROAD DIDN'T NEED ALL THESE DUMMIES ANY MORE.
So
GREAT! WONDER IF THEY CAN DO A MEXICAN WAVE?
I'LL SEE WAHEY!
BAH! AFTER ALL THE TIME I SPENT SETTING THEM UP
THEY CAN'
TOPPLE! TOPPLE
ONE GOOD THING ABOUT IT ..
.. THE DUMMIES WILL GET HIM BACK FOR IT.
WHUMP!


SPORTS
I'LL BUY A NEW PAIR OF BOOTS.
TAKE YOUR PICK— THEY'RE ALL NAMED AFTER FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS.
I'D EGO MARADONA BOOTS ARE GOOD.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT HIS NAME'S SO LONG THE BOOTS HAVE TO BE HUGE.
I'LL TRY THESE MANY GREAVES ONES.
SLIP!
THE SOLES ARE BALD, JUST LIKE ME.
JUST GIVE ME ANYTHING THAT FITS.
HERE'S A PAIR OF WILLIE CARSON'S.
WILLIE CARSON? HE'S A JOCKEY. ODD MAN TO NAME FOOTBALL BOOTS AFTER.
THEY'VE IMPROVED MY SPEED, THOUGH.

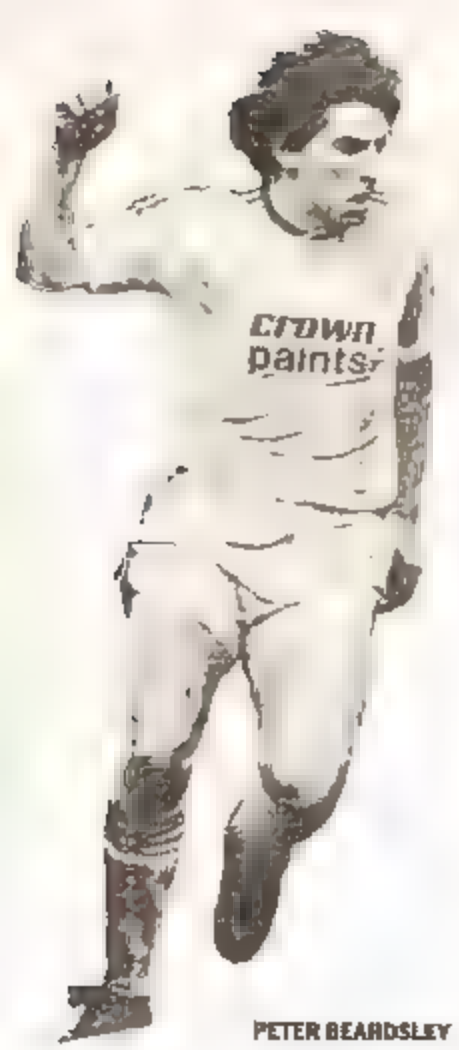

BALL BOY
I'LL TIDY UP THIS CUPBOARD!
AAGH!
GET RID OF ALL THESE USELESS BURST BALLS!
BUT, MUM!
THIS IS MY SHOWER CAP!
AND THESE ARE PLANT POT HOLDERS
THESE ARE KNEEPADS FOR WASHING THE FLOOR!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS LOT?
IT'S MY COLLAPSIBLE MODEL OF THE EIFFEL TOWER!
LUCKY THERE WERE TWO LEFT OVER!
WHY, MUM?
SO I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ANY MORE OF THIS NONSENSE!


BALL BOY
THIS IS BORING – ALL THE PLAY IS AT THE OTHER END.
I'VE AN IDEA . .
. . . LET'S HAVE A SUNFLOWER GROWING CONTEST.
GREAT!
COME ON.
FASTER!
MINE'S BIGGEST!
NO! MINE!
Then–
FOR YOU, BALL BOY!
OOPS! FORGOT THE MATCH.
THESE TWO ARE FAR MORE USE

BALL BOY
OUR REFEREE HASN'T TURNED UP.
MY DAD COULD DO IT.
PUT FIRST...
I'LL HAVE TO BOOK YOU LOT FOR PARKING ON THIS LINE.
EH?
NOW LET ME SEE YOUR STUDS.
NOT ENOUGH TREAD THAT'LL BE A FINE.
WHAT A LOT OF NONSENSE LET'S GET STARTED!
FOUL!
WHAT?
YOU DIDN'T INDICATE WHEN YOU TURNED.
BAH. THIS IS THE LAST TIME I LET A TRAFFIC POLICEMAN REFEREE A MATCH.
WISH I HADN'T SAID THAT.
HE WHEEL CLAMPED ME.


GREAT SAVE.
BOUNCE
I KNOW WE'LL DO WHAT MY DAD DOES TO HIDE HIS BALD PATCH.
I'LL MAKE THIS BIT AT THE SIDE GROW.
AND COME T OVER.
MIND YOU...
IT'S NOT MUCH USE IN THE WIND.
I'VE GOT AN IDEA WE'LL DO WHAT MY DAD DOES TO HIDE HIS BALD BIT
WHAT'S THAT, DUMMY?
HE WEARS A HAT.
HAW! HAW!

BALL BOY
WE'RE PLAYING ON ASTROTURF TODAY.
I'LL TRY A SLIDE TACKLE.
OOPS! THE SEAM.
DON'T WORRY... I'LL ROLL IT BACK AND GET YOU OUT.
HERE GOES!
OOPS! THE WRONG WAY!
ONE MORE ROLL AND I'LL GET THE RIGHT WAY UP.
WAIT A MINUTE
BALL BOY'S THE ONE WHO'S CAUSED ALL THE TROUBLE...
...WE'LL BE BETTER OFF PLAYING UNDER HERE WITHOUT HIM.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PETER BEARDSLEY

BALL BOY

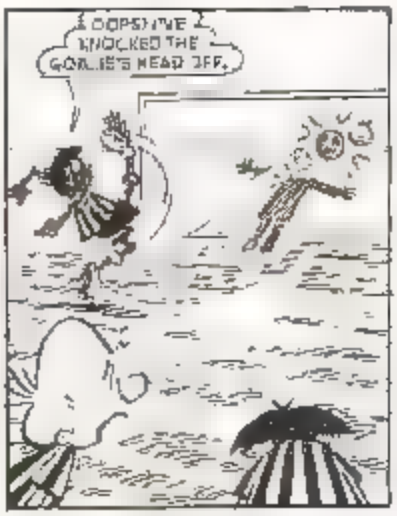
WE'RE PLAYING AGAINST BRAMBLEY FARM TODAY.

NOT VERY GOOD CHANGING ROOMS.

DON'T SPEND MUCH OF THE PITCH EITHER.

THAT'S AWFUL!
YOU SHOULD SEE IT WHEN IT RAINS.

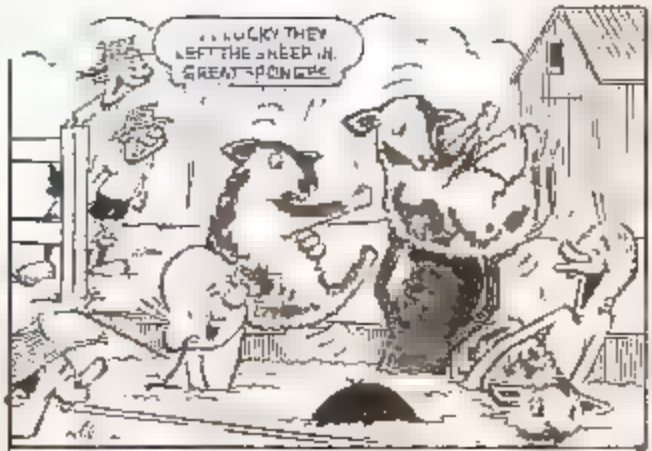
SHOOT, SERJI!


OOPS! I'VE KNOCKED THE GOALIE'S HEAD OFF.

HAW! HAW, IT'S A SCARECROW.
YES — WE WERE A PLAYER SHORT

RIGHT! BATH TIME NOW.
JUST LEAD US TO IT!

BAH! THE BATH'S A SHEEP DIP! AND THERE AREN'T ANY SPONGES...


...LUCKY THEY LEFT THE SHEEP IN. GREAT SPONGES.

BALL BOY
CHRIS WADDLE
HMM ... ONLY ONE UNTOPPED STRIPE LEFT
I WANT IT.
NO ME.
ME!
WE'LL ALL HAVE IT.
BUT...
RIP
BAH! NONE AT ALL LEFT NOW.
WHITE PAINT
EXCELLENT IDEA.
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE OUR STRIPES.
OH-OH. AND THE OPPOSITE ONES TOO.
YOU'LL WILL HAVE TO CHANGE.
TRY AND TAKE THEM OFF. IT'LL BE HARDER THAN YOU THINK.

CR SMITH

BALL BOY

THESE STUDS NEED REPLACED.

AUTOMATIC CAR PEDALS! VERY CHEAP!

I'LL TAKE THEM!

THEY SCREW IN PERFECTLY.

GREAT LONG STUDS, THESE.

AND WHEN I NEED TO GET UP HIGH

I PRESS THIS!
PRESS!

WAHEY!
E-X-T-E-N-D!

OOFS!
OUCH!

I'M SCREWING IN HOOKS INSTEAD.
WHY?

IT STOPS YOU CAUSING TROUBLE.

BALL BOY

BAH! THIS ARTIFICIAL PITCH IS COMING APART!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
WE'LL PULL OUR GOALS CLOSER.
DRAG
TAKE YOUR GOAL KICK NOW.
GOAL!
CAN'T FIND ANYTHING AGAINST THAT IN THE RULES.
EVEN IF THERE'S NO RULE AGAINST IT . . .
. . . WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE OUR GOALS FURTHER AWAY.
PULL
I COULDN'T FIND ANY RULES AGAINST IT . . .
TIRED
. . . BUT HE CAN!
YOU CAN'T PARK A PITCH HERE!

BALLBOY

THIS IS THE LAST MATCH BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . .

. . . SO LET'S DECORATE THE PITCH.

IF I HANG ON THESE . . .

. . . I CAN SAVE HIGH BALLS EASILY.

I THINK I'LL DO SOME MORE DECORATING.

THAT'LL STOP THEM CHASING ME.

WE'RE NOT WORRIED . . .

. . . WE LET SANTA USE OUR GOAL AS A GROTTO. YOU CAN'T SCORE PAST THAT.

OH, YES I CAN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, LITTLE BOY?

I WANT A GOAL, SANTA!
BAH!
AH, WELL! HAD TO GIVE IT TO HIM.

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